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## Shoppers take price rises in their stride

**By SARAH HONIG**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL AVIV. — Price rises and subsidy cuts having been expected for some time, shoppers yesterday readily accepted the mark-ups on any of the goods on their supermarket and grocery shelves. Dealers of electrical goods, however, continued to do their usual brisk post-valuation business.

Having emptied supermarket shelves of such items as oil in recent days, there was no rush by housewives to fill their shopping baskets to the brim, as they are the habit of doing during devaluations.

Not all foodstuffs became automatically dearer yesterday. Supermarket chains announced that they will continue to sell items in stock at their previous prices and that new stock will come only when the price of the item has fallen. Thus canned goods, coffee and tea prices were unchanged. Oil still remained scarce at some supermarkets because of rationing.

Immediate price changes affected foodstuffs which are delivered fresh to stores daily, such as eggs, milk. The prices

of dairy products such as cheeses were still unchanged, as were the prices of fruits and vegetables. Sugar prices were already lower yesterday, to the delight of most housewives.

Prices of products containing sugar, such as sweets, chocolates and preserves, are not expected to decrease despite the lower sugar prices. Manufacturers say their lower expenses for sugar will be cancelled out by higher water, electricity and fuel bills.

Owners of electrical goods stores reported that the announcement of devaluation and subsidy cuts had caused no immediate change in their volume of business. "It just confirmed rumours that have been driving people to buy almost indiscriminately over the past fortnight. The brisker-than-usual business is continuing as shoppers hope to get items from the old stock at old prices," a shopowner in Rehov Ilan Givoli told The Jerusalem Post.

He added that as usual during pre-devaluation shopping, the customers are denied the price reductions that are granted almost automatically in days of calmer trading.

## 0.7% rise in index

POST Economic Correspondent

PRICES ROSE by 0.7 per cent in February, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. This brings the index rise in the last six months (for the purpose of the cost-of-living allowance) to 14.6 per cent.

Under the new arrangement, as recommended by the Sussman Committee, the allowance will be 70 per cent of the index rise. Wage-earners will therefore get an increase of 10.2 per cent in their April pay — calculated on the gross wage.

The gain will be as follows, all of it taxable (in ILs):

March pay	April pay (including the allowance)
1,600	1,783
2,000	2,204
3,000	3,306
3,500	3,857

If the ceiling for the allowance is raised (as recommended by the committee) from IL3,500 a month to IL4,000, the maximum allowance will be IL408 a month.

The index rise in February is accounted for in part by a rise in fruit and vegetables, up by 5.7 per cent — this being contrary to the normal seasonal trend. On the other hand, clothing and footwear sagged by 3.9 per cent, owing to end-of-season sales.

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## Histadrut at sea on Barkai report

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SEVERAL HISTADRUT leaders yesterday appeared to back down on their prior undertaking to implement the Barkai Committee recommendations on specific allowances in the civil service.

But representatives of 40,000 civil servants who have not been receiving these allowances yesterday decided to accept "the principles" of the report which recommended that half the allowance abolished in April and the rest October.

Although Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoshua Meshel said yesterday the recommendations should be implemented, he went on to say that pay should not be cut. Meshel said there are ways to abolish the allowance without cutting wages. That apparently means raises to workers who have received the allowance.

Professor Haim Barkai told The Jerusalem Post later that the Secretary-General's remarks would be consistent with the committee's principle of equal pay for equal work.

He proposed giving all workers a maximum specific allowance of 5 per cent. That would cost other IL2.5b. a year. But giving nothing less "is discrimination against those who have been discriminated against up to now."

The Trade Union Department yesterday called for a four per cent increase in the public sector this year and a further two per cent in 1977. Barkai pointed out, however, that this would not meet a principle of equal pay for equal work because some workers (such as income tax employees) have been receiving 15 per cent perks.

Members of the Barkai Committee told leaders of workers who have not received the allowance that Histadrut leaders were pulling the wool over their eyes

by trying to pacify them with proposals for wage increases.

The Histadrut Trade Union Department yesterday issued an ambiguous statement on the Barkai Committee recommendations. The Department said it had decided "to accept the Barkai Committee recommendations regarding issues it was supposed to rule on." Uriel Abrahamowitz, the department's chairman, explained that the decision regarding abolition of the specific allowances must be adhered to, but that the cut should not be made in the form of reducing the allowances in the cost-of-living allowance due in April and October.

Nor did the Histadrut agree with the Committee's recommendation that wages in the public sector be frozen next year, he added.

The department decided that "the

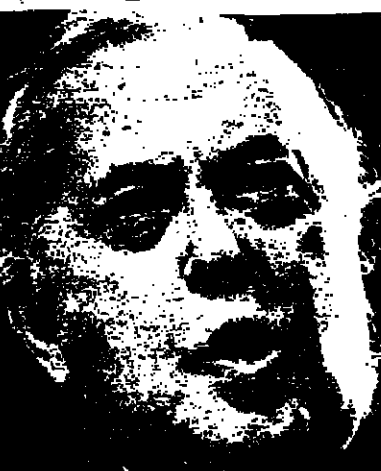
## Reimburse the poor — Hammer

Social Welfare Minister Ze'ev Hammer rebuked the Cabinet Economics Committee yesterday for not having decided unequivocally to give full compensation to low-income groups for price rises due to the subsidy cuts they approved on Sunday.

He praised the cuts as a logical step, aimed at changing from subsidization of products to direct support for those who need it.

He told staff members at his Ministry to hold up sending aid payment to welfare recipients, so as to include the compensation for the price rises — which he hopes the Cabinet will approve — and still get them out in time for Pesach.

## UK Premier coming in September



LONDON. — British Prime Minister Harold Wilson is planning official visits to Israel this September, informed British sources said yesterday. He will also be visiting Yugoslavia in June.

Other visits by Mr. Wilson previously announced will include one to Egypt from May 11 to 14 and another to Iran, but the dates for this have yet to be fixed.

## London train bombed; driver killed by gunman

LONDON. — The driver of an underground train was shot dead in the evening rush-hour yesterday as he chased a gunman involved in an explosion aboard the train in East London, eyewitnesses said.

The London ambulance service said the train driver was dead, one other passenger, a post office worker, was shot in the chest, and nine other persons on the train were taken to hospital suffering from shock.

The train driver was shot while chasing the gunman, who also fired his pistol at policemen, who tried to arrest him. He then turned the gun on himself and shot himself in the chest. He was later reported to be in critical condition.

Colonels at West Ham station, a surface stop on the tube, said the front coach of the train was wrecked as it was leaving the station.

IRA terrorists are thought to have planted the device.

(AP, Reuters)

## U.S. breaks with Equatorial Guinea

WASHINGTON. — The State Department announced yesterday the suspension of diplomatic relations with the left-wing West African nation of Equatorial Guinea.

The announcement came five days after the Department received a cable from the foreign minister of Equatorial Guinea saying that his government had declared two American diplomats *persona non grata*.

(AP)

# Lebanon on brink of renewed warfare

## Franjeh defies threats

By ANAN SAFADI  
Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent

LEBANON LAST night moved towards a renewal of civil war. The four-day-old military coup began to lose momentum in face of President Sleiman Franjeh's defiance of orders to resign from office.

The Speaker of Lebanon's 99-member parliament has called deputies for an emergency session. The purpose is to discuss the political stalemate which may re-ignite Lebanon's year-long sectarian strife. The Speaker, Kamel el-Asad, yesterday voiced second thoughts over the parliament's appeal for Franjeh's resignation, noting the move was unconstitutional. He went further in expressing his opposition to the army's attempt to meddle with the country's political institution.

His position strengthened by mounting support from Christian political circles, Franjeh yesterday declared that he would relinquish the presidency only as a "corpsé."

He said he was determined to stay in office until "the very last second" of his six-year-term, which expires next September.

Yesterday Franjeh gathered support from more Christian officers and troops who were abandoning the Muslim coup leader, Brig. Aziz Abid. The latter in turn rallied Muslim troops, including defectors who in January set up the dissident "Lebanese Arab Army."

The split in the Lebanese army deepened, with Christian and Muslim soldiers taking opposite sides.

Reports from Beirut late last night said two army columns supporting Abid were marching on the presidential palace at Ba'abda, east of Beirut, to force Franjeh out of office. The reports said that one of these columns was stopped by the Damascus-sponsored Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) at the request of Syria, who was seeking to prevent bloodshed.

There was no confirmation from any source last night of earlier reports that Damascus has dispatched 1,000 troops to Lebanon under the disguise of PLA forces.

The Syrian President, who had postponed a state visit to France



PRIVATE militiamen dominate a Beirut street yesterday as a renewal of civil war seemed imminent. (UPI)

because of the Lebanese crisis, last night conferred with Lebanese Christian and Muslim delegations in Damascus; no details were disclosed. Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, who had been mediating in the Lebanese strife, attended the meetings.

Christian as well as Muslim leaders yesterday agreed that the Syrians should promptly revive their mediation which had earlier suggested parity between Muslims and Christians in the Lebanese administration. The leftists, who are allied to the Palestine Liberation Organization, however, said there was no alternative to war other than dismantling the Lebanese communal establishment.

The Syrians indicated that they were inclined to favour both Franjeh's resignation, and the dissolution of the military junta which is leading the current coup against the president. The Syrians were reported to be favouring a parliament-sponsored transition administration aimed at promoting "national unity" within the army and at preparing new elections within a year under the new political reforms.

The situation on the ground in Lebanon showed signs of deterioration when rival factions exchanged rocket and artillery fire in Beirut and other areas. Private militias once again took over the streets and what is being described as total anarchy now grips Lebanon.

## Soviets warn Sadat they won't submit to broken treaty

By ANAN SAFADI  
Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent

THE KREMLIN yesterday implicitly warned Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that the Soviet Union would not stand idly by in the face of Egypt's unilateral abrogation of the 15-year-old Cairo-Moscow "friendship and cooperation" treaty. However, there was no indication of what action the Soviets could take over Sadat's decision.

Sadat's decision of Sunday night to rescind the treaty, signed in May, 1971, was approved yesterday by the Egyptian parliament.

The Kremlin's threat of counter-action was broadcast over Moscow's Arabic radio yesterday by Alexander Timishkin, who often voices Russia's official Middle East policies.

Timishkin warned Sadat that he "will bear grave responsibility for the consequences" of his decision.

Observers yesterday said the Soviet Union was enraged over the fact that the Kremlin had had no inkling of Sadat's plan to rescind the treaty. The observers recalled that only three weeks ago, Leonid Brezhnev hailed the Soviet-Egyptian treaty before the 25th Communist Party Congress as the basis for rehabilitating Moscow-Cairo relations, strained for the past three years.

The Soviets appeared to fear that the sequel to Cairo's abrogation of the accord would be termination of the naval facility privileges which Russian warships have been enjoying in Egypt's Mediterranean ports.

Although they could easily obtain alternative facilities in neighbouring Libya and Algeria, the Soviets are keen to maintain their positions in Egypt to safeguard their Suez Canal surveillance. The Canal now serves as a main link between the Russian fleet in the Mediterranean and its naval bases in the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

Sadat himself on Sunday night said the Soviets were now playing a "cat and mouse" game with him. He also claimed that Moscow was "exerting military and economic pressures." He claimed that the Soviets continued to withhold arms supplies and refused to reschedule Cairo's huge debts to Moscow. The Russians retaliated by charging that Sadat was "distorting facts."

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## Sadat move seen as bid to get American arms

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

PRESIDENT SADAT's dramatic decision abrogating Egypt's friendship pact with Moscow was designed, in part at least, to sway American opinion in favour of selling arms to Egypt. This is the view of most Israeli analysts.

Officially, there was no comment from Jerusalem on Sadat's decision, announced in a speech to Parliament on Sunday night.

The analysts said there was a good deal of dramatization and exaggeration in the Egyptian leader's announcement. In point of fact, the friendship pact with Moscow had long been bereft of meaningful content, the analysts noted. The initial rupture occurred back in 1972, when Sadat ousted the Soviet advisers from Egypt.

Relations with Moscow have deteriorated ever since. But the deterioration has not meant a complete cessation of arms supplies —

## U.S. officials pleased

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials were obviously pleased with Sadat's anti-Soviet move and believe it may convince some legislators to support their proposal to sell six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt.

State Department spokesman Robert Fumeth declined to comment directly on the Egyptian decision, although he noted that it coincided with the Administration's briefings to Congress that Egypt wanted to end its dependency on the Soviet Union for arms.

The analysts noted, too, that Sadat and his aides are energetically shopping around for arms, both in the East and in the West. It was entirely unlikely, they said, that Egypt would find itself defenceless in the future.

They feel, therefore, that Sadat's announcement was calculated to win sympathetic consideration from U.S. political and public opinion for the Administration's desire to establish an "arms supply relationship" with Egypt.

## Ezer Weizman back in politics

EL AVIV. — Former Air Force commander Ezer Weizman announced last night that he is returning to political activity in the Likud, in order to help replace a government which, he said, is spreading lack of confidence in Israel and its people.

Interviewed by telephone from London by Israel Radio, the one-time Likud Cabinet Member said he would again be a candidate for the Knesset under the Likud banner. He denied that political figures or former generals had contacted him about setting up a new independent list for the next elections, although he had spoken several times recently with former general Ariel Sharon (now Prime Minister's adviser) and Meri Amot (now head of the Histadrut's Koor Industries).

## Curfew in Ramallah after riots

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A CURFEW was imposed yesterday afternoon in the towns of Ramallah and El-Bireh, north of Jerusalem, amid the current West Bank unrest during which some local mayors have resigned. The West Bankers were protesting ostensibly against attempts by Jews to pray on the verges of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, establishment of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria and the way in which the authorities have been quelling school demonstrations.

The Ramallah curfew was clamped down at mid-afternoon following street riots, which had been preceded

by protest demonstrations in several West Bank towns.

Teenagers in Ramallah and El-Bireh yesterday set up roadblocks, burned tyres and stoned security forces in one of the worse riots the towns have ever seen. Similar riots took place in other West Bank towns including Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, and the Old City.

In Bethlehem, a student sit-in at the local college developed into a riot during which teenagers hoisted a "Palestinian" flag and hurled stones at security forces. The students were later granted a "safe conduct" to their homes, negotiated by Mayor Elias Frej.

Mayors of various towns planned to meet in Nablus today to discuss the issue of resignations tendered collectively by mayors and councillors in Nablus, Ramallah, El-Bireh and Bir Zeit. The mayor of Tulkarm, Hikmat Hannoun, was yesterday reported to have withheld his resignation pending today's meeting.

Observers yesterday noted that, in contrast to previous disturbances, the current unrest was not initiated from the outside, nor is it being organized by any specific group. They indicated that this is probably the first time the local West Bankers were initiating what is amounting to civil disobedience over "domestic issues."

## Israel has 10-20 A-bombs at ready, CIA says in newspaper report

WASHINGTON. — Israel is estimated to have "10 to 20 nuclear weapons ready and available for use," according to senior officials of the Central Intelligence Agency, the "Washington Post" said yesterday in a report by Arthur Kramish.

The same officials, at a rare semi-public briefing last week, also described the Soviet space programme as "shambles" following a series of major launch failures. The Soviets apparently have abandoned any plans for manned lunar landings, they said.

The non-classified briefing at CIA headquarters was held for Washington-based members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

The guests who included the "Post" reporter, were told in advance not to bring cameras or to take notes and were requested at the meeting not to "quote us to the press."

CIA officials said the Agency's decision to hold such briefings reflects a policy to present a more "open" CIA in the wake of damaging press and Congressional disclosures of past illegal and questionable activities.

In a brief statement, CIA director George Bush refused to comment on the accuracy of Kramish's account, but said: "There was a clear understanding beforehand that the discussions were private and not for publication or further dissemination."

Bush said he would accept full responsibility for any leaks of classified information from the meeting and added: "I am determined it will not happen again."

Last summer, it was reported in the press that Israel had about 10 nuclear weapons. Last week's briefing was apparently the first time,

however, that CIA officials made a public estimate of Israel's nuclear capability. No further details were given.

Asked to assess Soviet technology, the Agency stressed its belief that the Soviets have significant research capabilities, but have a problem in applying advanced technology.

As one example, an official said:

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair, light rain, or drizzle, with a possibility of snow showers. A cold front will move in from the west on Wednesday, bringing a change to cloudy, with rain or snow. High: 45, Low: 35. Wind: Light to moderate, variable. Humidity: 60-70%.

Wednesday: Fair, with a chance of rain. High: 45, Low: 35. Wind: Light to moderate, variable. Humidity: 60-70%.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a chance of rain. High: 45, Low: 35. Wind: Light to moderate, variable. Humidity: 60-70%.

Friday: Fair, with a chance of rain. High: 45, Low: 35. Wind: Light to moderate, variable. Humidity: 60-70%.

Saturday: Fair, with a chance of rain. High: 45, Low: 35. Wind: Light to moderate, variable. Humidity: 60-70%.

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## Social and Personal

Mrs. Francois Xavier Ortoli — wife of the President of the Commission of the European Communities — and Mrs. Collette Verdon, assistant to the Commission, yesterday visited the Wizo Arab Women's Club and kindergarten at Wadi Nisnas in Jerusalem. They were accompanied by Mrs. Nehama Ben-Horin, wife of the Israeli Ambassador in Belgium and Mrs. Ruth Tekenat, of Wizo.

Tourism Ministry director-general Abraham Rosenman met yesterday with Rasser Chana chairman of the Israel Flight Package Committee of Great Britain.

Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, accompanied by other members of the federation's executive, visited the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Newsweek's recently appointed Israeli correspondent, Mr. Milton Rubin, on Sunday gave a reception at his home in Jerusalem in honor of Newsweek Foreign Editor Russell Watson. Among those present were Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Foreign Ministry director-general designate Shlomo Avineri, the U.S. Consul, senior officials of the Prime Minister's Office and members of the Capital's press corps.

Friday evening's Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper programme at Beit Haganuz featured a talk on "The Antisemitism Problem in Israel" by Dr. Yosef Goldschmidt, and Israeli Radio Arab-affairs commentator Dov Yaron on "The Situation in Lebanon." Time is 8:30; the public is welcome.

The next meeting of Tel Aviv's English-Speaking Friendship Club will take place at Bnai Brith House, 10 Kaplan, on March 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. Evelyn Cohen will teach "Fiddish Bingo."

Parents Without Partners will hold a Purim Social this evening at 8:30 at the Wizo Baby Home, 47 Rehov Hahatim, Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem. The affair is open to all singles. Admission is IL10.

## B'nai Brith group arrives on tour

A delegation of 45 B'nai Brith leaders from the U.S. and Canada, headed by Richard L. Kollinger of Dallas, Texas, arrived in Israel yesterday for a 10-day tour to be highlighted by the inaugural meeting of the newly-created B'nai Brith Israel Commission.

The Commission, chaired by Kollinger, was established to implement all Israel programmes in B'nai Brith's branches all over the world — from educational and information programmes to fund raising and immigration. It will hold its first meeting tonight, with Premier Yitzhak Rabin as keynote speaker.

## Golf winners

CAESAREA. — Effie Ben of Herzliya Bet and Mike Firon of Tel Aviv on Sunday won the Massada trophy in the pairs event of the Golf Festival here with a 65 net score.

In second place were James Callaghan of the UN and Meir Maor of Hadera with 67. Next were Pete Di Donato of Herzliya Pituah, William Gruer of Tel Aviv, Zeev Avraham, and Mike Ossip with scores of 70 net.

Today golfers will compete in the Alliance Foursball Tournament for the Caesarea Cup Shield.

A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION by 80 merchants who have purchased shops in the new Tel Aviv central bus terminal was halted by police on the 11th floor of the El Al building Sunday. The merchants were on their way to the 12th floor offices of Arye Pitz, builder of the terminal, to complain against the years of delay in completion — but he came out and assured them the work will be finished in 15 months.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved

**MIRIAM HERZ** ז"ל

The funeral took place in Jerusalem on March 15, 1976.

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Ralph and Denis Batish

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**BERTHA SHIFFMAN** ז"ל

on Sunday night, March 14, 1976.

The Family

## 'The same deal as the Maghreb' Ministers brief EEC chief on Israel's needs

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

ISRAELI LEADERS pressed EEC Commissioner Francois Ortoli yesterday to ensure that Israel enjoys the same financial aid opportunities from the Mart as the Maghreb states will get. Mr. Ortoli, President of the Commission of the European Communities, met with Premier Rabin, Foreign Minister Ailon, Defence Minister Peres, Finance Minister Rabinowitz and Commerce Minister Bar-Lev in a crowded day of talks and meals. Today he will be touring Galilee.

The Maghreb countries are about to conclude with the EEC a similar agreement to the one Israel signed last summer. Their agreement will have a "financial protocol" which will provide them with access to most financial institutions which extend aid and credits to preferred countries.

Israel is demanding the same benefits. The issue is understood to have been discussed at length at Mr. Ortoli's meeting with Mr. Ailon. Both Mr. Ailon and Premier Rabin treated their guest to expatriates of current political developments in the Middle East. The Prime Minister stressed Israel's desire for as much trade and cooperation with the European Community as possible, regardless of political differences with individual member states. The new agreement with the Mart was a challenge for Israel's economy, the

Premier said. He stressed the problems which the security situation posed for the economy, and reviewed briefly the government's recent economic and fiscal measures.

Earlier reports that Mr. Ortoli's visit might result in the establishment of an EEC bureau in Israel do not seem to have been borne out. The bureau would have provided information to businessmen on trading opportunities. Mr. Ortoli is understood to have explained that there was no budget available — and also not much demand, as yet, among EEC members, for such an office.

Our economic affairs reporter adds: Commerce and Industry Minister Bar-Lev suggested a number of measures to Mr. Ortoli that would bring about closer Israel-Common Market cooperation. These included setting up joint working groups on trade, promotion, industrial research, investment participation, licensing arrangements and know-how. Bar-Lev also asked that Israel receive practical assistance in management, and have access to the European vocational training centre. Mr. Ortoli, while welcoming the minister's suggestions, contended that the problems faced by Israel in abolishing its tariffs to enter the Common Market are no worse than those faced by the original six when they first adopted free trade among themselves.

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## Egged to have monthly ticket at cut rate

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bus fares will rise by 20 to 30 per cent in about 10 days — at the latest by April 1 — a Ministry of Transport spokesman said yesterday.

Bus cooperative officials are now preparing new fare lists, which they will submit to the Transport Ministry for approval by next week. The rise, to average 25 per cent, will in no case be more than 30 per cent. The spokesman promised that the reduced price fares for pupils will only go up by 20 per cent. The Ministry, he said, is also preparing a reduced price monthly ticket. But he was not able to say what its reduction would be. He insisted, however, that the reduction would be large enough to make it

worthwhile to travel by bus every day. These reduced price tickets would thus induce motorists to leave their cars at home and use public transport. Jerusalem will be the first city in which this programme will be tried out.

The Ministry is also calculating how much to raise railway and taxi fares, the spokesman said. A spot check on several new car salons in Tel Aviv showed there was not much business there yesterday. The majority of car importers said they were not planning to increase automobile prices, apparently because sales have declined. Only the Subaru dealers, who claim business was quite good, announced that they have increased prices by about IL700. But they would not disclose their sales figure.

## Speedy motorists got petrol without paying

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Big losses in Sunday night's economic measures, which included a rise in fuel prices, were service station owners. The secretary of the Association of Agents and Service Station Owners, Israel Stricks, told The Jerusalem Post that because of the heavy pressure on the stations, some drivers drove away after filling up without bothering to pay.

According to Mr. Stricks, the service station owners lose large sums of money throughout the year this way, but when there are long queues of cars even more drivers take advantage of the situation.

Officials of the Association are to meet this week with Dr. Zvi Dinstein, government adviser on petroleum and energy, to present him with a long list of grievances, which include low profitability. According to Mr. Stricks, the service station owner makes 8.5 agorot on every litre of petrol he sells for IL3.90.

He also said that since the Yom Kippur War sales have not been increasing, and that every time prices go up sales go down for long periods.

## Traveller's \$ costs IL 8.65

The latest devaluation, setting the official dollar rate at IL7.52, has also created two other legal exchange rates. One of them is the travel and import dollar, which now costs IL8.65, and the other the export dollar, now set at IL9.59.

The dollar cost for imports and foreign services, including travel, is figured at the official exchange rate plus the 15 per cent tax imposed by the Government last month. It was IL 8.49 before the devaluation. The dollar rate for exporters includes the incentives paid them by the Government.

## Ya'acobi: Talks soon on Mexico air link

TEL AVIV. — A Government — El Al delegation will leave for Mexico at the end of the month to negotiate a direct Israel-Mexico air route, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said over the weekend. Speaking on Israel radio, Ya'acobi said such a route would spread the opening of other services with Latin America, including an Israel-Argentina route. He added that negotiations would begin soon on an air route to Hongkong.



Simone Veil, France's Health Minister, speaking at the Weizmann Institute after receiving an honorary doctorate of philosophy yesterday. (Starphoto)

## French minister, Nobel laureate get awards

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Honorary doctorates were conferred at a Weizmann Institute ceremony yesterday, upon Simone Veil, France's Minister of Health, and Prof. Gerhard Herzberg, Canadian Nobel prizewinner for chemistry. The degrees were conferred by Chancellor Meyer Weisgal.

The ceremony was attended by the French and Canadian ambassadors.

Responding to her citation, Mrs. Veil spoke of her concentration camp experiences in the second world war. The only ray of hope for some of her Jewish friends was Palestine, as it was then called — "a name which to me meant nothing then."

She praised Chaim Weizmann for setting the example of how to combine pure science with public office. Scientists today, she commented, rarely if ever admitted that their budgets and the objectives of their research are liable to be determined by political decisions at the highest level. Mrs. Veil congratulated the Weizmann Institute for the "pursuit of the wish to

learn, to know and to understand," which had characterized young Talmudists who braved the restrictions of the ghettos and the threat of pogroms.

Professor Herzberg also praised the Institute for "doing just what it should do, that is, pure scientific research." He denied that any authority had the right to influence the scientist's imagination.

The ceremony was attended by a large delegation representing the Friends of the Weizmann Institute in France, headed by Dr. Robert Aron-Brunstetter. They came to honor Mrs. Veil and also to dedicate the Centre for French Culture and Science endowed by the philanthropist Hermann Mayer, who was himself present.

The Centre includes a library of French classics and current literature, and a dormitory. Speaking at the dedication, Prof. Andre M. Lwoff, Nobel medicine laureate, described culture as a waning commodity in our time. In modern society, which he characterized as totalitarian, "truth, beauty and play as we understand them are regarded as signs of decadence."

## Ministers avoid action on charter flights

By GEORGE LEONOF  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday again failed to act on charter flights in the face of controversy over the Heth Committee's final recommendations — expressly requested by the Cabinet itself last month.

A number of the Committee's proposals were vigorously opposed by Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi. These included the Heth proposals to extend charter operations to travellers from Canada and Germany, to students from the U.S. and to participants of conventions. The Tourism Ministry has accepted all the Heth recommendations.

Minister Moshe Koi told The Jerusalem Post last night he was certain the Cabinet would finally act on the controversial issue at its weekly session on Sunday.

The Cabinet has already twice put off discussion of the Heth recommendations because of pressure of other, more urgent, matters.

Prior to next Sunday's meeting, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz is to meet — probably during the week-end — with the Tourism and Transport Ministers in an attempt to work out an agreed version on charters to put before the Cabinet.

## Sheikh says strike call too hasty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chairman of the local council of Tamra village in the Galilee, Sheikh Zaki Diah, who is a member of the Committee for the Protection of Arab Land, had publicly dissociated himself from the recent decision by council heads to hold a general strike on March 30 to protest the Galilee land expropriation plans.

In an interview published in the Jerusalem Arabic daily "Al Anba," he said that his colleagues had been "hasty" in adopting the strike decision at the recent Nazareth meeting on this issue. He felt that such

a decision should have been discussed in a wider forum, with the participation of all the 48 chairmen of the Arab local councils.

However, he believed that the Government too had been hasty in making its expropriation decision, and should have consulted with the council heads.

The Sheikh is the first council chairman to publicly dissociate himself from the strike decisions.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, the Druse Sheikh Jabber Mu'adi, told a Post reporter yesterday that the mooted general strike was likely to harm Arab-Jewish relations.

and said that while he opposed land expropriation, he supported the plans for the development of the Galilee.

Meanwhile, a joint meeting of Haifa and northern secretariats of the Labour Party stressed the excellent neighbourly relationships between the Jewish and Arab populations of the Galilee. They called on the Arabs to continue them and allow themselves to be involved in political excitement organized by those who want to undermine a good relationship. They added that development plans include the Arab population, and provide for raising their standards.

## Life for burning husband to death

TEL AVIV. — Givatayim resident Esther Botel, who poured kerosene over her husband Yisrael and burned him to death in their flat last year, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment by the District Court here.

The three-judge panel, rejecting the defence's claim that Esther Botel, had acted under an "irresistible impulse," found no grounds for believing she had been mentally ill. But they regretted that Israel law did not permit them to give the 36-year-old woman a shorter sentence.

The murder took place on May 4, 1975. Neighbours, aroused by the 65-year-old husband's agonized cries, found him wrapped in flames. They succeeded in putting out the fire, but Botel died on the way to hospital.

Mrs. Botel was picked up later by police as she was running aimlessly about in the street. She was carrying a plastic bag containing jewellery, coins and bills, and had a box of matches in her pocket.

During her trial Mrs. Botel offered as a defence that her husband had "bewitched" her. She was kept in a time in a mental institution, but was released. The court found that the prosecution had proved its case — that the murder had been carefully planned and carried out in cold blood.

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# Impending austerity no deterrent

## Young cowboys hit the trail as Purim begins

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Despite impending austerity, Purim cheer broke out on schedule yesterday evening throughout the city, except in the few places where the celebration was delayed by the time of the Jewish calendar. In all directions, the celebration of Israel's rescue from the clutches of Haman 2,500 years ago, Tel Aviv looked like a cow-town at the end of a long cattle-drive, with miniature cowboys (and not a few girls) firing their six-shooters in all directions as their parents shepherded them along the city's streets in the mass Purim parade.

The number of Queen Esther and Mordechai floats was a fraction of last year's, but a few Hamans took the streets wearing Henry Kissinger masks.

The main centre of festivity was at the Tel Aviv Municipal Stadium, where the city's youth band and dance troupe performed the Purim story. For today, tomorrow's Purim shows are planned between 10 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., with magicians and prizes for the children.

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## Rabbis protest abortion bill

Nearly 500 rabbis from all over the country gathered in Jerusalem today at a rally to protest against the abortion bill pending before the Knesset.

The rally was convened by Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. He decided unanimously to declare a worldwide day of mourning on March 31 (the eve of the month of Nissan), when all observant Jews will be asked to pray for the "evil decree."

The rabbis issued a statement in the Knesset and the Government to shelve the bill, "which constitutes suicide by the Jewish people."

## Judge sentences greedy tradesmen

TEL AVIV. — A local magistrate agreed yesterday with the rabbi's protest against the bill. He sentenced three tradesmen to jail for overcharging by 100 per cent on a door-installation.

The glass door, installed in an optician's shop in July, 1974, had cost Marcus IL1,700, and Judge Evenari said the price for the job should have been IL2,225, not the IL4,500 Marcus charged. In addition to the fine, he directed Marcus to publish the judgment (minus name) in two evening papers within seven days or go to jail for that length of time. (Him)

## Yadlin: third of young Israelis don't consider themselves Zionist

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Three out of every 10 Israeli youth do not consider themselves Zionists, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin told the Knesset yesterday during a budget review of his Ministry's activities in 1978.

In a study of attitudes among schoolchildren made by Prof. L. Guttmann, Mr. Yadlin said that 33 per cent of the children (93 per cent) identify with "being part and parcel of world Jewry" rather than as "a Zionist" (66.6 per cent). However, another survey — this one by Prof. Shimon Herman — showed only 20 per cent of the Israeli youths as not considering themselves Zionists.

The country's educational system does not operate in a vacuum, said Mr. Yadlin. "Education is part of society, and the better our society becomes, the more the quality of life here will improve, and the better it will be for us to educate our children."

The Minister said his office has for itself two main objectives: instill in Israel's young people the Jewish people, and to narrow, by as much as possible, the educational and cultural gap between children of different family backgrounds.

## Behind the scenes / Asher Wallfish

### MK — spenders and savers — in ferment over State Budget

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
The Knesset Finance Committee is in ferment over the 1978-79 State Budget, with one group trying to increase the overall figure and another group trying to cut it. The overall figure because it is galloping inflation.

Mapam men on the Finance Committee, added by Labour's Moshe Karmi and Havi Simoni, want to raise the State Budget total to IL8,500m. by another 2,000m. and spend the extra money on health, education and welfare. These four MKs believe that a revenue side of the Budget can be increased by higher taxes on the rich, and more intensive tax collection procedures. Mapam, moreover, suggests cutting the Defence Budget somewhat, to help.

Meanwhile four Labour MKs, two of whom are the Likud opponents, are working in the opposite direction — to reduce Treasury spending in 1978-79. They warn that the State Budget contains a much larger built-in deficit than the Treasury is ready to admit. They predict that the Bank of Israel will have to print IL8,700m. worth of new paper by the end of the year, and not IL4,200m. as Treasury officials say.

Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman seemed unmuffled by the ferment yesterday. He told the Knesset: "My problem is to try to prevent the Budget being increased without coverage, and not decreased. All sorts of pressure groups are trying to raise the Budget total. These MKs who want to cut IL2,000m. now will vote later in the year to add another IL6,000m."

Kargman estimated that the Bank of Israel would not have to print more than IL5,000m.-IL6,000m. of new paper over the year.

"I'm worried about the subsidies on staple commodities. The State Budget contains the sum of IL1,600m. for subsidies, and even if world prices, local production costs and currency devaluations lead to demands for higher subsidies, I shall not agree," said Kargman.

Coalition Whip Moshe Werman was rather amused by the ferment. "When one side asks for an increase in the Budget and the other side asks for a decrease, that should prove the overall total is just right," he said. However, Werman agreed to convene the Alignment faction on a convenient day during the Passover recess, along with Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, and thrash out the entire issue of Budget change proposals.

Avraham Melamed (NRP) claims that he was the first to warn in the Knesset of the inflationary danger — in the debate on the first reading of the Budget he demanded that IL2,000m.-IL4,000m. be frozen, and only spent on the basis of specific Finance Committee authorizations. Melamed abstained on the



Mr. Jerry Oshrin sets out from Jerusalem for the Golan, where he will distribute a thousand hommentashen and fifty bottles of wine to soldiers on Furim. (Rahamin Yisraeli)



A Purim patriot on parade. (Israel Sun)

## Some types of the pill banned

The Health Ministry has ordered a number of birth control pills banned from sale as a precautionary measure.

These include the sequential-type pills Norgestrel "S" (by Icapharma); Sequelun (by Asisa) and Medinun "S" (by Teva). The U.S. has also ordered these pills off the market recently, according to the Health Ministry.

Recent research — which is continuously done by the Health Ministry on birth control pills — showed that the Sequelun group could have undesirable side effects in some age groups of users, though no specific cases have been reported so far.

The Health Ministry has suggested that women who use the banned pills consult their physicians on how to proceed. Additional information can be obtained from the Ministry's Pharmaceutical Division, at 2 Rehov Ben-Tzvi, Jerusalem, Tel. 02-38212, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE SECOND PILGRIMAGE of Freemasons to Israel in about three months is expected to include more than 4,000 persons, according to representatives in Tel Aviv. The Freemasons also will participate in the 100th anniversary of freemasonry in the Holy Land.

## Allowance for parties up from yesterday

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Public money will continue to be allocated to the country's political parties by the Finance Committee, the Knesset decided yesterday.

A bid by the Citizens Rights Movement to have decisions on an increase in Treasury financing for parties made in the plenum, instead of the restricted Finance Committee, was turned down by the combined votes of the Alignment and the Likud opposition. The CRM was backed by the New Communists, Israel Socialists and Moked. No NRP or Aguda men were in the chamber.

The basic calculation unit for party financing went up yesterday from IL20,000 to IL470,000, according to a decision of the Finance Committee last October which said that the unit would rise twice yearly by 70 per cent of the rise in the cost-of-living index.

Boaz Meav, presenting the CRM private members' bill, said it was absurd for the parties to allocate themselves funds according to the cost-of-living index when the Cabinet on Sunday decided against allocating funds to Defence according to the cost-of-living index.

Meav said the national interest demanded that public funds be allocated to parties in the Knesset plenum. The parties refused to reform the electoral system yet kept on dipping into the public purse, he complained.

Replying, Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman said that if CRM's conscience troubled it, it should refuse to take party financing. He said CRM was hypocritical. One Alignment man, Mordechai Ben-Porat, abstained.

Because of the Purim holidays, the Knesset will not meet today or tomorrow, and instead will hold a morning session on Thursday.

## Making a living on two dunams

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Glasshouse farmers at Moshav Sde Nitzan in the Eshkol region, who are economizing on water and making a satisfactory living on an area of only two dunams per family, have convinced the Knesset Economic Committee that more villages could be set up in the region than elsewhere.

Sde Nitzan's top-grade tomatoes go for export to Europe, mainly Britain, the Economic Committee was told in a tour on Sunday.

A little further south, at Moshav Sadot, in the Rafiah Approaches, the committee tried in vain to persuade the settlers that they should disperse with hired Beduin labour. Committee members argued that the practice of hiring hand-picked Sadot had more land than it needed, and suggested it make room for a new village by giving up surplus lands.

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## Ex-Nazi may not get world Rotary post

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — There is a strong possibility that ex-Nazi Wolfgang Wick of Austria may not after all head Rotary International. A number of European clubs now plan to nominate additional candidates for the post of Rotary International president, it was learnt here yesterday from Israel Rotary sources.

Thus far Dr. Wick had been the sole unopposed candidate, picked by an 11-member Rotary nominating committee. According to rotary tradition the international president is chosen from a different continent each year, and for the year beginning in June 1977 it will be Europe's turn.

The nomination of Dr. Wick, who is said to have been a top Nazi official in Austria before and during World War II, has aroused strong protest particularly among Rotarians in Israel and the Netherlands. Some clubs in both countries have gone so far as to say that should Dr. Wick be chosen to head Rotary International they would sever all contact with the worldwide organization.

In the wake of these protests, it now appears likely that several more candidates will come forth to compete for the post.

Dr. Wick is now under great pressure to decline the nomination, and it is possible that he may do so.

Dr. Wick is currently the vice-chairman of the board of directors of the Austro-American Magenta Co. in Radentheim.

He is reported to have joined the Nazi Party in 1933.

## Rise urged in some immigrant mortgages

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Absorption Minister Shimon Rosen will request a rise in mortgages for flats bought on the private market by new immigrants, in accordance with the realities of today's housing prices.

The minister Rosen disclosed his intentions in response to questions by reporters in his Jerusalem office yesterday.

He said he was aware that the current ceilings on prices of apartments for which Absorption Ministry mortgages are granted induce some immigrants to break the law. At present, an immigrant family of two or three persons (except an elderly couple from a Western country) lose all their mortgage privileges if the flat they buy in Jerusalem on the private market costs IL265,000 or more. For an elderly couple from a Western country or an immigrant married to an Israeli, no mortgage is available if the flat costs IL250,000 or more. Other ceilings have been established for flats outside the capital.

Thus, some immigrants who can't find flats for less than the ceiling ask the seller to make out two contracts — one below the maximum and one for the difference between that figure and the actual price of the flat.

Rosen said that at next week's meeting of the Joint Jewish Agency-Government body on absorption he would ask that the ceilings be dropped. Even a Western family who can afford to buy a flat costing more than IL265,000 should get some financial assistance from the ministry.

Summarizing the immigration and absorption situation, Rosen said that there are signs of a slackening in emigration and of an increase in Western immigration.

Rosen said that there was "some tension" between his office and the Housing Ministry because of delays in handing over completed buildings. Although the Housing Ministry promised to provide 12,500 units for immigrants last year, they turned over only 7,700, he said.

## Arson suspected in one of two T.A. fires

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Police and fire officials do not suspect arson as the cause of Sunday's fire in Rehov Shoken in Tel Aviv which destroyed a mattress manufacturing plant, a plastic bag factory, a machine shop warehouse and led to the death of three Arab workmen from the territories sleeping on the premises. The three were Muhammad Gamiel Guchah, Said Abed Guchah and Gamiel Abed Guchah. All three were aged between 20 and 24.

Arsonists, however, are believed to have started the fire which broke out at a driving school on Rehov Ronen, in the Hatikva Quarter, on Sunday night. Firemen said they found signs that fuel had been spilt from a motor scooter.

Yesterday morning the alley off Rehov Shoken was still damp and black from the fire, which broke out at 9.15 p.m. on Sunday and was put out two hours later by 30 firemen.

A worker employed nearby said that the Arabs, who were from the territories, slept on the mattresses stored there. They preferred this to travelling back and forth to Gaza every day.

A third Arab who worked in a neighbourhood restaurant also died in the fire. His body was found farther back in the workshop. He was evidently trying to make his way out through a rear exit.

It has not yet been determined whether the three died of suffocation or were burnt to death.

Police believe that the fire may have been caused accidentally by the Arabs themselves while cooking. Sunday's two fires bring to nine the number of serious fires which have broken out in the Tel Aviv area since December. Police and fire officials believe that all but a blaze at a Rehov Hagana furniture shop and Sunday's at Rehov Shoken were cases of arson and linked with underworld attempts to extort protection.

Deputy fire chief Aharon Ankori told The Jerusalem Post that since December a number of new measures have been introduced by the fire department. These include a stand-by system under which 50 per cent of those off-duty are liable to be called up at any time.

## Border Police in first Nazareth incident

NAZARETH. — The first incident between the Border Police and a local resident occurred here on Sunday night, on the very day that they came into town to help the municipal police keep order.

The incident occurred near the Diana Cinema, when a Border Policeman asked a 30-year-old resident for his identity card. The man refused to show it, pulled a knife and allegedly attempted to stab the policeman. He was arrested.

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## Koor withdraws 'Sabbath' sacking notices

By YITZCHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Koor Industries yesterday withdrew dismissal letters it had sent to eight workers from the Acre Steel City, who claimed they were fired because they refused to work on the Sabbath.

Koor's management told the workers: "We are sorry about the way your dismissal letters of February 18 were worded. Since their contents could be interpreted to mean that we fire workers who refuse to work on the Sabbath, we hereby cancel those letters."

The men, formerly employed at one of the steel plants which cut back its manpower for lack of work, were given the option of transferring to another plant. There, however, work is done in shifts round-the-clock, and the men have said they will not work on the Sabbath.

The issue has been placed in the hands of the Histadrut Trade Unions Department, and Koor has agreed to abide by its decision. The Histadrut's rabbi, Menachem Hacohen, MK (Labour), who backed the workers was part of a long-range plan to make the steel plants more efficient, and the transfer of the eight was based on the last-in-first-out system, without connection to their religious views.

## Arab housing to be speeded up

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Meir Zorea, head of the Israel Lands Authority, told the Knesset Finance Committee that his body took responsibility for not having allocated adequate areas for new housing for Arab townships and villages in past years speedily enough. However, Zorea promised, in reply to a query from Mapam's Aharon Efrat, the Authority was already doing its best to speed up new housing development for the Arabs.

Efrat had complained that Tarsish, Nazareth and Kaf Kasem were particularly short of additional building areas because of bureaucratic hold-ups at government level.

Zorea said the Israel Lands Authority recently allocated Tarsish 70 dunams for new building, and Nazareth 300 dunams near Zippori.

## Suspect in 'protection' to be held until trial

TEL AVIV. — District Court judges here Sunday refused to release a protection-racket suspect, although they had released two brothers who were arrested with him.

They said the threats allegedly made by Herzl Aharoni, 23, against Tel Aviv poultry merchants and workers in the Holon slaughterhouse were more serious than the offences his brothers were suspected of. He was likely to threaten potential witnesses if released, they said.

Herzl and four brothers, two of them minors, were arrested in January on suspicion that for the last two years they ran a "watchmen's service" which was in fact a protection racket. (Him)

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Blow for Giscard's prestige

## French float franc as reserves shrink

BRUSSELS. — France yesterday floated the franc to stop the huge drain on its currency reserves caused by relentless speculation on foreign exchange markets.

The decision to cut the franc loose from the other currencies in the EEC joint float, particularly the West German mark, was seen as a deep humiliation for President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The franc lost four to five per cent in early trading, following the government's announcement. The dollar was quoted at 4.7350 to 4.7400 francs.

France's Finance Minister Jean-Pierre Fourcade said the franc was being set adrift to find its own level on the money markets. His statement included some thinly-veiled criticism of Britain and Italy. He said it was unfair that some EEC currencies were not subject to any discipline while others were bound by rigid exchange rates.

The decision to float the franc means that the French central bank has bowed to the wave of speculation and that it will no longer pit its reserves to prop up the currency. In the past two weeks it poured \$1,800m. of its reserves — about 25% — into the market.

Fourcade said that when speculation reached fever pitch on Friday, the Bank of France spent 4,000m. francs (about \$500m.) to stop the franc falling below its floor level within the joint float or snake.

Members of the snake are committed to keeping their currencies

within maximum limits of 2.25 per cent on either side of a central rate while floating jointly against other currencies.

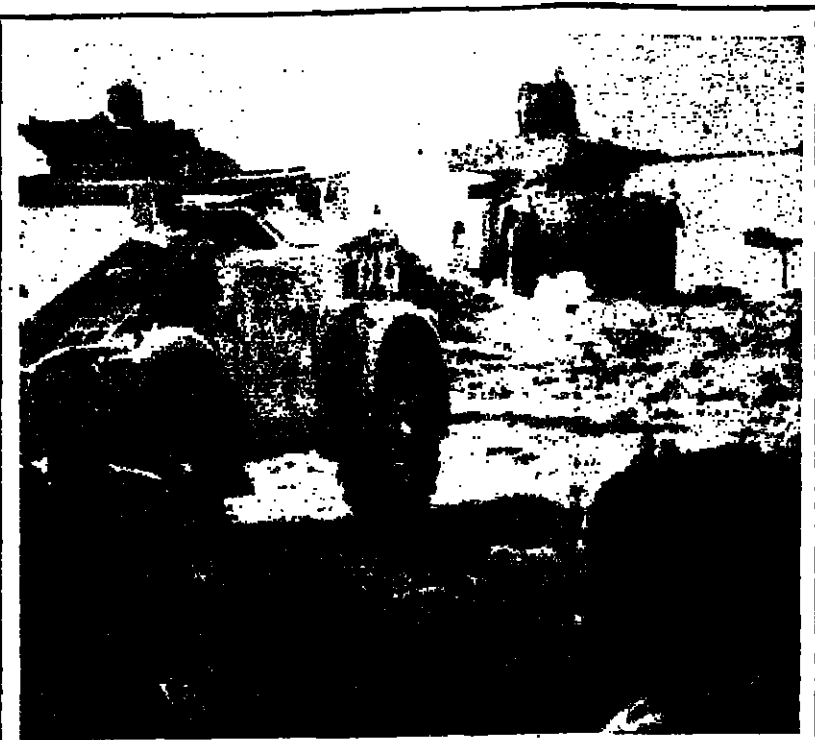
The French minister told reporters here that before deciding to float the franc he had proposed to the other EEC ministers introduction of more flexible rules for operating the snake. But these suggestions had found little support except from West German Finance Minister Hans Apel.

The admission that the franc cannot hold its own against the mighty mark is a jarring blow to the prestige of President Giscard d'Estaing. He personally masterminded the return of the franc to the snake last July, after a previous 18-month period of floating.

The President himself took the decision to float again, despite strong advice from many of his cabinet members that such action would be premature. Fourcade said the French leader would raise the issue of exchange rate inequalities at the coming Common Market summit in Luxembourg on April 1.

Meanwhile, Belgium and Holland have suspended their special relationship within the European snake, under which their currencies fluctuated at a reduced margin of 1.5 per cent, the Belgian National Bank announced.

The ending of the so-called "Mini-Snake" means that the Dutch guilder and Belgian franc will now operate at the full 2.25 per cent margins of the float system. (Reuters)



Rebel Major Ya'akoub Daher (left) talks with newsmen at his position south of the highway turnoff to Baabda and the presidential palace yesterday. He had been prevented from moving against the palace by Palestinian Liberation Army forces, who shot trenches in the road and blocked it off. (UPI picture)

Hussein tells Japanese —

## Peace talks without PLO 'meaningless'

TOKYO. — King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday any peace conference without the participation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization will be a meaningless charade of national postures with no prospect of anything being accomplished.

Despite the long history of this problem and its many dilemmas, peace is still attainable, Hussein said in a speech before the Japan press club. And a formula for achieving it does exist.

Hussein said the formula for peace in the Middle East "can be reduced to four points."

• The Palestinian people should be enabled to exercise their inalienable national right of self-determination, including the right to establish an independent state in Palestine.

• The right of Palestinian refugees

to return to their homes or be compensated for their lost property.

• The withdrawal of Israel from all Arab territory occupied since June 1967.

• Appropriate arrangements guaranteeing the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence, within secure and recognized boundaries, of all the states in the area.

Hussein, scheduled to wind up his nine-day state visit to Japan today, had a second and final official talk with Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Miki yesterday morning. The monarch called for the conclusion of a Japan-Jordan agreement on economic and technological cooperation, government sources said. Miki said he would study the proposal, the sources said. (UPI)

## Ford expects big win

CHICAGO. — After three days of meeting voters in Illinois, President Ford says he can inflict serious damage here tomorrow on Ronald Reagan's challenge for the Republican nomination.

But the former California Governor, while admitting he will lose in this year's first midwestern primary battle, says hints by the Ford camp that the President may land a

knockout punch are "wishful thinking."

Jimmy Carter, a frontrunner in the crowded Democratic ranks, said on Sunday he will be pleased by the Illinois outcome if he wins the preferential or "beauty" contest phase on the voting and also picks up 21 delegates of the 156 to be selected in separate delegate balloting.

In the Illinois voting, the preferential contests is a popularity contest but gets the winner no national convention delegates. In separate balloting, the names of the Presidential contenders are listed under those of delegate candidates who are committed to support them.

Both Senator Henry Jackson and Congressman Morris Udall decided to miss the Illinois primary, thus depriving the election of much of its significance. (AP, UPI)

## Niger coup crushed

NIAMEY, Niger Republic. — Loyal forces crushed an attempted military coup here on Sunday night and arrested the three ringleaders including the secretary-general of Niger's labour federation, President Seyni Kountché announced yesterday.

In a radio address to landlocked Niger in north-central Africa, Kountché said the attempted coup was led by Maj. Bayore Moussa, Capt. Sidi Mohammed and labour leader Ahmed Mouddour, former minister of rural economy, who was dropped from Kountché's government during a reshuffle last year.

Kountché, 45, took power in a military coup in April, 1974, ousting President Hamani Diori, who had been in office 15 years. The Niger Republic, with a population of five million, was hard hit by the drought which affected the northern third of Africa for several years. It has one of the world's largest known reserves of uranium. (AP)

## A-bombs at ready

(Continued from page one)

Soviet scientists can design advanced electronic circuitry but "don't know how to build a 'clean room' — the dust-free facility needed for electronic assembly work. Such 'clean rooms' are common in U.S. laboratories and electronic manufacturing plants.

On the Soviet space programme, the CIA officials said:

• There are signs that a large Soviet installation built for manned launches has been in mothballs for two or three years.

• It appears that three large boosters, twice the size of U.S. Saturn V rockets, have blown up.

U.S. specialists believe the Soviets' decision to emphasize building large "brute force" rockets has caused the problems, because such large rockets won't work for manned lunar missions.

The Soviet small satellite launch programme is still active and ambitious, but appears to be several years behind the U.S. in payloads.

The CIA officials indicated their belief that reliable satellite reconnaissance capabilities are essential

to the SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation) agreements.

On the subject of recent press and Congressional investigations of the CIA, the officials said that "99 per cent" of public disclosures were handed to Congress "on silver platters" by the CIA as a result of the Agency's internal study of abuses begun in 1973. That study resulted in a 692-page report written before first new stories appeared, they said.

The officials criticized press reporting of CIA activities as containing much misinformation and were bitter about those who disclose names of CIA employees and endanger lives. They said that former CIA man Philip Agee had endangered many persons and "ruined many fine careers" by revealing names.

But they said that the disclosures and controversy about the CIA have not hurt Agency recruitment. December applications were up 22 per cent they said. January applications were down 3 per cent from a year earlier, but quality has not suffered and the CIA is in a "100 per cent buyer market" position, the CIA officials said.

## U.S. to scrap machinegun Israel used in '73 war

WASHINGTON. — After nearly 17 years of tinkering, the U.S. Army has given up on a trouble-prone machinegun and soon will start buying \$30m. worth of new guns for replacement.

The Army acknowledges that the troops in the field were never completely satisfied with the weapon. The gun has "always had a jamming problem," the Army said.

Headed for the junk heap will be about 14,000 M219 machineguns which cost a total of \$45m.

Assistant Secretary of the Army Harold Brownman told Congress

last month the unreliability of the M219 "was completely validated by experience gained during the October 1973 Middle East War" when it was used by Israeli tank gunners.

After that, the Army started looking for a replacement gun.

The Israelis have given no indication they are interested in buying a new replacement for the M219 because they have installed another weapon in many of their tanks, the Army said.

The Army started evaluating eight possible replacements in 1974 and has narrowed the field to two

## Spain to recognize Israel, Soviets within 'weeks or even days'

WASHINGTON. — King Juan Carlos I is moving to establish normal diplomatic relations with Israel as well as with the Soviet Union in the near future. "The Washington Post" said yesterday in a dispatch from its Madrid correspondent, Miguel Acoca.

Since Franco's death last November, the monarchist government has been talking to Israel officials on the exchange of ambassadors, "authoritative sources" told Acoca on Sunday.

The Spanish Foreign Office has also been in contact with the Soviet Union on normalizing relations, broken nearly 37 years ago at the end of the Spanish Civil War. Although the two countries resumed trade years ago, Spain delayed restoring relations because of the Kremlin's support of the Republic and because of claim on Spanish gold reserves transferred to Moscow by the Republican government.

### DEPENDENT ON ARAB OIL

Press leaks here that negotiations between Madrid and Jerusalem are under way have aroused strong counter-pressure from Arab states. (Spain is heavily dependent on Arab oil, and many of its best customers are Arabs). Meanwhile, hints that Spain and the Soviet Union are on the verge of burying the hatchet have alarmed and angered the Spanish Right.

Despite these pressures, the sources said, the monarchist government expects to announce within "weeks or even days" that Spain will exchange ambassadors with Israel and the Soviets. It was pointed out that Madrid quietly established full diplomatic relations with Communist Yugoslavia last week and "nothing happened."

(Spain also maintains full diplomatic relations with China and Cuba.)

The King and senior officials recently received representatives of Jewish groups. After Juan Carlos assumed the throne he was congratulated by Israel's President Katsir and acknowledged the message, an

exchange which was given diplomatic importance at the time.

However, the fact that Spain will at last recognize Israel does not mean that U.S. bases in Spain can automatically be used to re-supply the Jewish state in the event of another Middle East war, the sources stressed. There will have to be consultations as called for in the recently signed bilateral defence treaty with the U.S., the sources added, refusing to elaborate.

Neither U.S. nor Spanish officials welcome questions on Israel and the Spanish bases.

### ARMS AIRLIFT TO ISRAEL

During the Yom Kippur War Spain refused to let the U.S. use the bases for the arms-airlift to Israel. But U.S. Air Force C-135 jet tankers from the Torrejon base in Spain flew repeated missions for in-flight refuelling of American planes taking part in the airlift. There are no indications that Spain will change its position on the bases in the future.

Full details on the role of the Spanish bases in the re-supply operation have never been disclosed. But it is known that bitter words were exchanged between Madrid and Washington as the airlift overflew Spanish airspace without approval and shipped U.S. equipment on the bases to Israel.

As to the treaty itself, which is currently up for ratification before the U.S. Senate and the Spanish Cortes (parliament), Spain will not accept any changes in the text signed in Madrid by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Maria Arellano last January 24. The Spanish government apparently fear senators will try to amend the language of the "Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation," which established a unique defence relationship between the two countries and links Spain to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization via the U.S.

The sources made it clear that if the Senate makes any alterations, there will be "no treaty and no bases."

## Castro in Guinea

DAKAR. — Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro has arrived in Conakry, Guinea-Bissau, for talks with three African presidents, according to Conakry Radio monitored here.

The radio reported that Castro and Presidents Agostinho Neto of Angola and Luis Cabral of Guinea-Bissau arrived in the Guinea capital on Monday. The meeting was to be chaired by Guinea's President Sekou Toure.

The radio said the meeting was intended "to consolidate relations of friendship and solidarity among their peoples."

Cuban troops helped Neto's Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) to military victory in the Angola civil war.

In eastern Angola bands of UNITA forces are continuing to hold out in the tropical forests, but soldiers of the MPLA are gradually mopping them up, according to a Luanda newspaper interview with MPLA Chief of Staff Antonio Bernardo Chinyama.

Unita, the Union for the Total Independence of Angola, is one of two factions that have resorted to guerrilla warfare in their struggle with the Soviet-backed and Cuban-backed MPLA for control of the former Portuguese colony.

### WILL CUT TIES

Meanwhile, Iran said it will sever diplomatic relations with Cuba if reports of a meeting between Castro and a representative of Iran's banned Tudeh party prove correct.

According to a foreign ministry spokesman, Castro conveyed his and the Cuban Communist Party's greeting "to all the toiling people of Iran and wished progress and success for the Iranian people and the Tudeh Party's struggles for independence and liberation and against imperialism."

Observers believe the Iranian government was also concerned over recent reports about the presence of Cubans in South Yemen for training people fighting against the Sultan of Oman.

Iranian troops are currently helping the Sultan's forces against the insurgents.

In Johannesburg, black nationalist leader Gatsha Buthe says South Africa's black population will not become "cannon fodder" in any confrontation between Pretoria and Black Africa. "The Johannesburg Rand Daily Mail" reported yesterday.

South Africa provided military support to the defeated factions in the Angolan civil war in an attempt to halt Soviet penetration in southern Africa, but Buthe said "white South Africa has burned her fingers in Angola." (Reuters, UPI)

## 'Plot to kill Ford, Reagan'

CHICAGO. — Federal agents have learned of a terrorist plot to assassinate President Ford and Ronald Reagan at the Republican National Convention in Kansas City in August. "The Chicago Tribune" said yesterday.

In a dispatch from San Francisco, the "Tribune" quoted Justice Department sources as saying the assassinations were to be carried out by a "commando-style team" from the San Francisco area.

The newspaper said it had learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was told of the plot by an informant, and Federal agents are taking his story seriously. (Reuters)

## Rubinstein 'can't see keyboard'

NEW YORK. — Pianist Arthur Schnabel, 89, says his eyesight is failing so fast he no longer sees the keyboard.


Julius Bloom, executive director of Carnegie Hall, said in an interview on Sunday: "With his experience, he doesn't have to look at the keyboard often. He has hundreds of pieces stored in his head."

"We've been aware for some time that his vision is getting quite limited. He has only peripheral sight and, if he wants to see the keyboard, he has to lean over, put his head way down."

The news about Rubinstein's eyes became public in an article by "New York Times" music writer Donald Henshan in the newspaper's magazine.

"Naturally, I regret this very much, but what can you do?" Rubinstein was quoted as saying. "I am getting old and these things happen to one at this time. I still will enjoy every day, and keep on playing if I can."

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## A-bombs at ready

(Continued from page one)

Soviet scientists can design advanced electronic circuitry but "don't know how to build a 'clean room' — the dust-free facility needed for electronic assembly work. Such 'clean rooms' are common in U.S. laboratories and electronic manufacturing plants.

On the Soviet space programme, the CIA officials said:

- There are signs that a large Soviet installation built for manned launches has been in mothballs for two or three years.
- It appears that three large boosters, twice the size of U.S. Saturn V rockets, have blown up.

U.S. specialists believe the Soviets' decision to emphasize building large "brute force" rockets has caused the problems, because such large rockets won't work for manned lunar missions.

The Soviet small satellite launch programme is still active and ambitious, but appears to be several years behind the U.S. in payloads.

The CIA officials indicated their belief that reliable satellite reconnaissance capabilities are essential to the SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation) agreements.

On the subject of recent press and Congressional investigations of the CIA, the officials said that "99 per cent" of public disclosures were handed to Congress "on silver platters" by the CIA as a result of the Agency's internal study of abuses begun in 1973. That study resulted in a 692-page report written before first new stories appeared, they said.

The officials criticized press reporting of CIA activities as containing much misinformation and were bitter about those who disclose names of CIA employees and endanger lives. They said that former CIA man Philip Agee had endangered many persons and "ruined many fine careers" by revealing names.

But they said that the disclosures and controversy about the CIA have not hurt Agency recruitment. December applications were up 22 per cent they said. January applications were down 3 per cent from a year earlier, but quality has not suffered and the CIA is in a "100 per cent buyer market" position, the CIA officials said.

## U.S. to scrap machinegun Israel used in '73 war

WASHINGTON. — After nearly 17 years of tinkering, the U.S. Army has given up on a trouble-prone machinegun and soon will start buying \$30m. worth of new guns for replacement.

The Army acknowledges that the troops in the field were never completely satisfied with the weapon. The gun has "always had a jamming problem," the Army said.

Headed for the junk heap will be about 14,000 M219 machineguns which cost a total of \$45m.

Assistant Secretary of the Army Harold Brownman told Congress last month the unreliability of the M219 "was completely validated by experience gained during the October 1973 Middle East War" when it was used by Israeli tank gunners.

After that, the Army started looking for a replacement gun.

The Israelis have given no indication they are interested in buying a new replacement for the M219 because they have installed another weapon in many of their tanks, the Army said.

The Army started evaluating eight possible replacements in 1974 and has narrowed the field to two finalists, a U.S.-produced weapon and a Belgian rival.

According to records, the M219 was introduced in 1959 as part of a broad-scale programme to modernize the Army's weaponry. "In testing at that time, the weapon had demonstrated some difficulties in operation under Arctic conditions and... some lack of power was noted," the Army said.

Then some fouling and ammunition problems were detected in tests during 1960-1963, the Army said.

There was no explanation as to why the Army accepted the M219 in view of its early difficulties. (AP)

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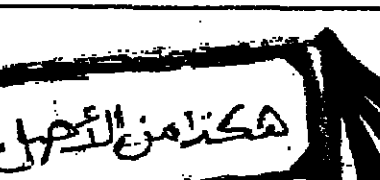
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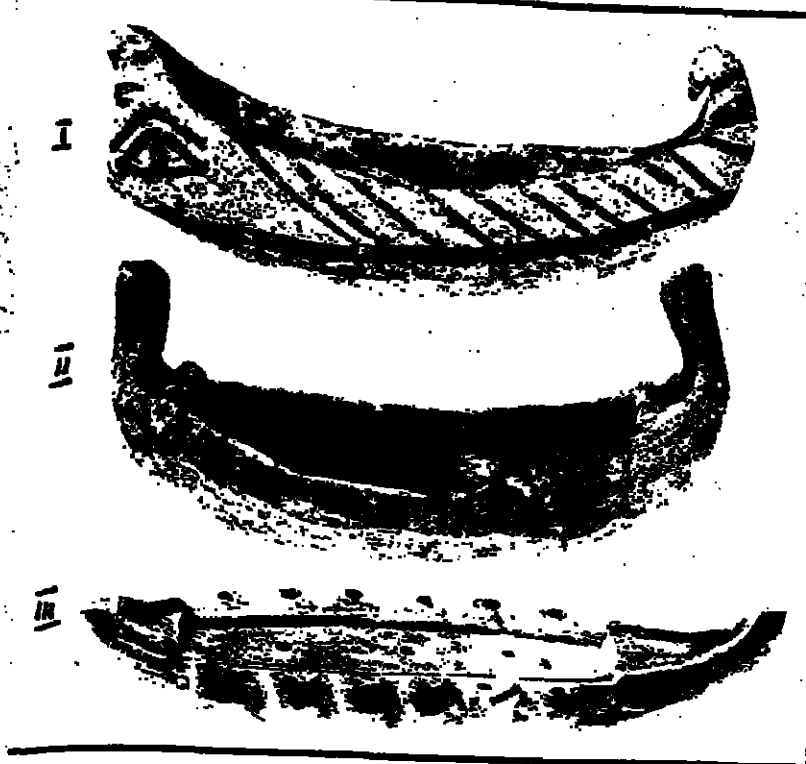
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## Ancient ship models

**By YAAKOV ARDON**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three rare ancient terracotta ship models have been loaned by the British Museum to the National Maritime Museum here and are now on show. Two of them date from the 8th century B.C. and were discovered over 80 years ago during excavations at Amathus, in Syria. One of the models, in perfect condition, bears a black and brown glaze decoration and has an eye painted on each side of the prow. The second has two cross-beams, one near the prow, the other near the stern. It also shows traces of brown longitudinal lines. In the middle of the ship is a stand for a mast. The two models are replicas of ships typical in Cypriot art during the first millennium B.C.E. The two models are 12 and 17 cms. long.

Ship models are believed to have served as votive offerings at temples and shrines or as objects placed in tombs. Like glass and clay vessels, or jewelry, buried together with the dead. The third model is a terracotta votive ship in a sarcophagus reference to a Greek ruler Kinyras who had vowed to take part in the expedition against Troy. "Others report about him that at Paphos he swore to Menelaos to dispatch fifty ships, but sent only one, the others he sent moulded out of clay with clay men in them."

The third object is a lamp in the form of a ship. It has a row of six nozzles on each side, with holes for the wicks. Three holes on the deck admit the oil and air. The model, 35 cms. long, was found in Italy and dates to the 1st century C.E.

AT THE CINEMA / JACK LEON

## UPLIFTING DRAMA

**UNSHINE** (Limor, Tel Aviv) is a well-done drama about a young woman with only a few months to live, which inevitably recalls "Love Story." The screenplay by Carol Obieid is based on the diary of acquiescent Helton, a girl similarly afflicted with a terminal illness, and one of the film's dialogue is taken straight from the book.

In telling the story of a wife and mother who has a malignant tumor, and dies at the age of 30, director John Sargent has commendably managed to turn out a piece which is often deeply moving, without being mawkish or cloying. He does so by making his heroine, Kate, a complex mixture of nobility and bitterness, fortitude and fear, who is by turns tender and vindictive. Her second husband Sam (actor and pop singer Cliff DeYoung), and his first wife (Brenda Vaccaro).

We see her first as an outdoor-

teager, already the mother of a baby daughter by a brief marriage. However, the major part of the film takes place some two years later, when Kate's life is drawing to a close and she can only walk

painfully with the aid of a crutch. Her transition from carefree girl to mature woman — made old beyond her years by constant suffering — is full of poignancy. But at the end she herself becomes a little girl again, crying out for comfort for her long-absent mother, with whom she had never got on.

Hollywood's current custom of introducing contemporary music into any film about youth, whatever the subject, is used extensively here as a background to Kate's tragedy, and may seem out of place to some viewers. Cliff DeYoung, who plays an unemployed musician sings some nice ballads by leading country-pop composer John Denver (MCA Records) original soundtrack album from the picture has just been issued here.)

An odd aspect of the movie is the fact that, though it is never indicated that they are Jewish, Kate and Sam are married by a hip "student-

rabbis," who even recites the blessing over the wine in Hebrew, in what appears to be an ultra-modern, Jewish wedding ceremony, American style. But all in all, a visit to "Sunshine" should prove a rewarding and uplifting experience.



The Interkibbutz dancers.

DANCE NEWS / DORA SOWDEN

## Interkibbutz Dance Group

THE INTERKIBBUTZ Dance Group will perform in the Bat-Dor Theatre, Tel Aviv, on March 18, the first of a series of performances scheduled as well in Jerusalem and Haifa. The programme will include new works by Flora Cushman (of the London Contemporary Dance Centre), Shoshit Arnon (director of the Interkibbutz Dance Group and the Bat-Dor Theatre), Gideon Abrahami and Hedda Aron.

During 1975 the Interkibbutz Dance Group gave 25 performances in four new works throughout the country. The members of the group, 11 from kibbutzim, devoted three days a week to dance training and rehearsal at the Gaiot Studios. Classes are held in both classical and modern, featuring such techniques as Noa Eshkol and Gertrud Kraus.

ISRAEL NOW has its own glossy dance annual. Beautifully illustrated with many excellent pictures, Israel Dance '76' was edited by Herta Manor and Judith Brinberg. The publication offers interesting articles in both English and Hebrew by such authorities as Joan Asa (dance critic of The Jerusalem Post), as well as the dancers themselves. It is, however, a pity that this fine production is marred by careless proofreading, especially of names.

JANE WILSON, American dancer-choreographer, recently gave a "Brunch and Film Showing" in her New York

home to aid the Dance Library for Israel. Films of the Panovs and of Anna Sokolow's "Rooms" were shown. To the guests, who included ballerina Alexandra Danilova, Fred Pehl exhibited ballet photography, and "The Ballet Shop" donated objects d'art, which were auctioned off. Incidentally, Anne Wilson will spend July in Israel.

ISRAELI DANCER Roni Segal has been touring and teaching in Switzerland, and has drawn much praise from the press. For some of the solo programmes of her own choreography she has used music by Israeli Leon Shidlovsky and Lev Nademan. She is now busy giving classes at the Alon Bernard Dance and Theatre Studios in Bern, as well as preparing several works in which Swiss dancer Lisette Bayron and Israeli Tal Haran will participate.

THE JERUSALEM Contemporary Dance Group directed by Hassia Levi-Agron is giving some 50 school performances in the Tel Aviv area. The response has been wonderful thus far, with letters of tribute from principals and teachers. The Mbal Dance Theatre and the Batshava Dance Company are also giving school performances.

Ritell Markman, co-director of the Israeli Classical Ballet together with Berta Yampolsky, will visit the United States to discuss a possible American tour by the company.

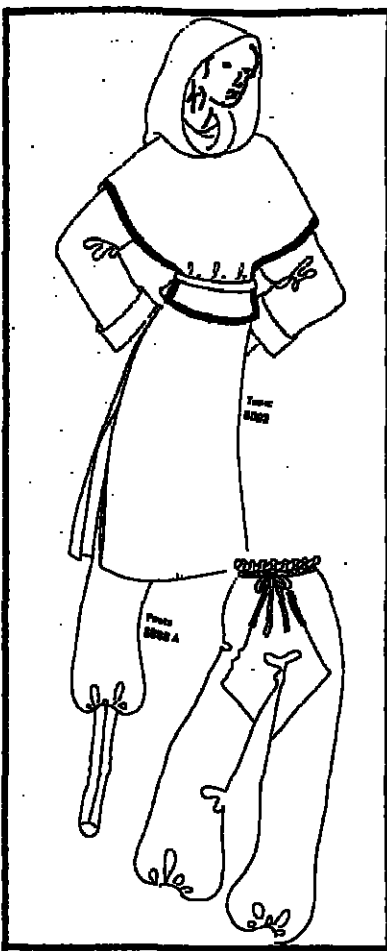
THE 1975-6 fashion look, is ethnic, according to the fashion writers.

My concise Oxford dictionary defines ethnic as "pertaining to race... gentle, heathen" — which should just about put an end to the use of the word in Israel. Actually, in terms of what the fashion writers mean — folksy, peasanty — you can't get a much more ethnic place than this country, with its hotchpotch of nationalities and races... and its mixture of lifestyles and clothing styles. In fact, if you want to go ethnic this year, you couldn't find a better place to do it in than here.

Ethnic in current terms means ponchos, caftans, kimono, shawls of all shapes and materials; it can mean moccasins or clogs on your feet, Arab Kaffiyas or Russian woolen scarves on your head. It can mean Persian donkey beads round your neck, or olive-wood necklaces, or Tahitian-look shells. It can mean a huge Arab-style straw basket on your arm, or a small quilted Victorian style bag. It can, in fact, describe virtually anything that is different, folksy, or old-fashioned. But it mustn't be modern, geometric, too elegant or too new (even if it's straight from the shop).

Ethnic can be cheap, or it can come very expensive. Starting at the top, the three places in Israel where they go for this style in a big way are at the Wizo Shops (pioneers in the use of Yemenite embroidery), Maskit and Rikma.

Maskit has always used Yemenite and Moroccan — since 1967 — Arab hand-made embroidery on many of its dresses and it also bases



Rikma's long tunic and pants.

many of its fabric designs on ancient oriental symbols. Maskit's Flay Leitersdorf's big success, the desert coat, was one of the most ethnic of all designs, with its soft flowing lines, desert sand colours and beautifully soft natural wool.

Rikma this year have come out with the ultimate in big fashion ethnic-ness. Rikma's designs for winter '76 are called "ethnic city styles," layer upon layer of double-brushed cotton, with shapes borrowed from the Beduin. Pants are caught in at the ankle and at the waist, with a tie belt; over this goes a narrow tunic, slit at the sides, with long fairly wide sleeves and a softly draped neck. And over this goes a poncho top, caught in at the waist, and falling over the head in a cowl top. Small bags, and head-dresses with earflaps make up the ensemble. And take a special note of the detailing at the crotch (very sexy).

Gypsy Boutique in Jerusalem makes a specialty of using Arab materials for caftan-style dresses, with pieces of old Arab embroidery incorporated at the bodice. These dresses are beautiful, with each one designed around the piece of embroidery, each piece of embroidery the work of many days, (they are becoming more and more difficult to get hold of); the end result is almost a work of art — you pay for it too, but no dress is like another.

What if you can't afford all this — then, lucky you, you live in a country where you can still find the real thing... in the Old City, in Bethlehem, even in the Jaffa Flea Market. You only have to look.

## Opening horizons with video-tape

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Elaine Flans

made of U.J.A. missions and are shown later in the United States, adding a personal dimension to fundraising appeals.

Another aspect of I.V.I.'s video work is "micro teaching." This involves taping a ballet rehearsal or a role-playing session in a teachers'

training class — and then immediately playing it back so that the people involved can criticize their work and improve it. "We do this for the Israel Ballet Company, and I have often seen ballets evolve as the performers make changes after seeing themselves."

Tapes also help train teachers in the use of educational television. "It's an art," Elaine Flans explained. "You don't just turn on the set and say, 'Children, watch it. We go into outlying communities with the tape which will eventually be shown on educational TV, and instruct the teachers in its most effective use.'"

A fairly new aspect of I.V.I.'s video work is screen testing actors for movies and commercials. "This way," Mrs. Flans pointed out, "you not only see how each actor performs individually, but can also gauge how well he fits in with the other actors. If you need a pianist, you don't have to wait until you're location with a crew of 32 people, when it's too late to do anything."

ABOUT 25 per cent of I.V.I.'s work is for overseas clients, and they have sold material to Swiss television, N.B.C. and other TV stations and networks.

One of the company's more exciting assignments involved Golda Meir and (then) U.S. President Richard Nixon. "When the satellite started operating," Mrs. Flans related, "and there was to be a ceremony in which Golda would be seen in the States and Nixon would be seen here, I.V.I. as the only Israeli company using America standard equipment — received a last-minute call asking if it could provide the video equipment, which we of course did."

THE FIRM'S latest documentary film was a 10-minute presentation on Shenkar Fashion College, prepared for showings at army bases and aimed at attracting students from among soldiers about to be discharged. It cost a modest IL48,000. "The profit margin is not large," Mrs. Flans said. "Actually, it's more fun than profit."

"But if documentaries are fun, the real cream of the business is in feature films. You haven't made it until you've jumped in all the way and lost your money," Mrs. Flans adds cheerfully.

MUSIC REVIEWS / BENJAMIN BAR-AM

## East-West synthesis

SINCE ISRAELIS are unfamiliar with Japanese music, the combined initiative of the Japanese Embassy and the Israel-Japan Friendship Society, in presenting "An Evening of Japanese Music," was very welcome. (Tel Aviv, Museum, March 10).

As western musical culture came relatively late to Japan, while ancient musical traditions were still alive, Japan has become one of the few countries in the world where some kind of synthesis of traditional and contemporary, Western and Far Eastern elements, has been successfully achieved. Indeed, even today ancient aesthetic principles still determine, to a certain extent, the thinking of avant-gardist Japanese composers.

The programme presented consisted of five compositions, two traditional dances (executed by dancer Kazuo Nomi) and an illuminating documentary film.

The song-cycle "Poem of the Sea" for voice and piano by Mitsuru Kaburagi (b. 1926) showed how recently western music arrived in Japan. Using outspoken impressionistic harmonies and colours, the song-cycle might have been written by one of Debussy's lesser contemporaries. However, despite its lack of originality, the work possesses great lyrical beauty. The mood of contemplative observation of the sea as expressed in the beautiful texts, has been magnificently caught by the composer. The songs had two excellent

interpreters: soprano Cilla Grossmeyer, who was in great form, vocally and musically and Sara Fuxon-Heyman, who played the piano parts with involvement and imagination.

Three Pieces for Cello Solo by Yoshio Iino (b. 1921), Three Movements for Piano by Junichi Hirano (b. 1947), "Mel" for flute solo by Kazuo Fukushima (b. 1930) and a piano trio by Noda Teruyuki (b. 1940) were all far more related to contemporary idioms. Of these pieces "Mel" was by far the most impressive. By fully exploiting modern flute techniques, Fukushima combined the Far Eastern aesthetic principle of preoccupation with the single tone and its various components with contemporary gestures and manners. "Mel" is a unique piece, characterizing a continuation of the very ancient tradition of the Shakuhachi, the Japanese bamboo flute. It was lovingly treated by the flutist, Mr. Shoham, who reaffirmed his undoubted talent for contemporary music.

Iino's cello pieces, played with complete identification and technical competence by Yoshiyuki Yamagishi and Hirano's piano pieces, flawlessly tackled by Miss Fuxon-Heyman, both showed traces of traditional elements, combined with western conventions. The weakest composition presented was the piano trio by Teruyuki. Though it contains some valuable ideas, the music lacks stylistic homogeneity and coherence.

## Born too late

CONDUCTOR WELLER's second I.P.O. programme (subscription concert No. 7, Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, March 11), opened with an anachronism — Franz Crzeller's Symphonic Fantasy No. 2. Crzeller's tragedy is perhaps that he was not born 50 years earlier. Yet one has to appreciate his honest naivety, his refusal to compromise with modernism. Crzeller's music (composed in 1959) seems a scarcely digestible transplantation to our era of the music of the century's first two decades. If this could be ignored, the music was even enjoyable. Melodious, pleasantly harmonized and well orchestrated, the Fantasy develops effectively and closes in a rousing, almost Straussian climax. The Fantasy was followed by a fine performance by Mayumi Fujikawa, of Mozart's A major, K. 219 violin concerto. Miss Fujikawa possesses a rare inner equilibrium which determines her whole conception. Phrases are fully and leisurely played out, crescendo marvellously graded, traces of tension inserted discreetly. Rich musical content and formal clarity complement each other continuously, creating an immensely rewarding experience. The concert closed on a completely different note. Three parts from Smetana's "Ma Vlast," "Vltava," "Sharka," and "From Bohemia's Woods and Fields" sounded heavy and occasionally untidy. As in some of his other performances, Weller gave us the basic elements only, not the authoritatively worked out and polished final product.

## New Iranian calendar

TEHRAN — Iran this week decided to backdate its Islamic solar calendar by 1,180 years to the time when Cyrus the Great established the first Persian Empire under the Achaemenid Dynasty in 529 B.C.E. A resolution to this effect was approved by a Sunday session of Parliament last Sunday when Iran celebrated the birthday of Reza Shah, father of the Shah, who founded the present Pahlavi Dynasty 50 years ago.

The change will come into effect from March 21, the start of the Persian New Year, Naurus, when according to the new reckoning the year 2550 will commence. Ordinarily Naurus would have ushered in the year 2553 which commenced. Ordinarily, Naurus is dated from 622 C.E. when the Prophet Mohammed fled Mecca shortly after he began preaching Islam.

Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoveyda told Sunday's joint session of parliament that the country, largely of the Shi'ite Moslem sect, will continue to observe the Islamic calendar.

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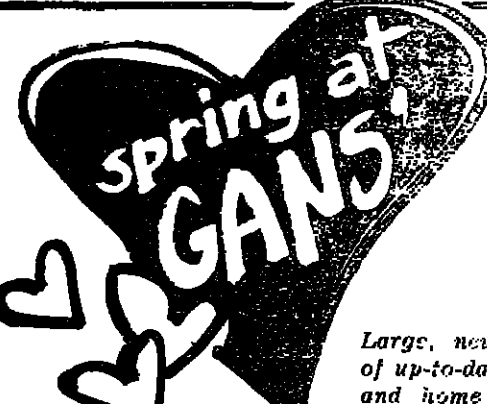
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General Reserve and unappropriated profit		6,969,058	<u>31,982,910</u>		<u>57,878,835</u>
		<u>28,642,356</u>	<u>6,232,180</u>		<u>6,457,537</u>
			<u>55,867,654</u>		112,586,226
DEPOSITS:					
Demand deposits	135,892,356				
Time and saving deposits	537,248,703				
Deposits and loans from banking institutions	<u>84,553,542</u>		<u>3,677,507</u>		9,646,802
		757,694,601			
DEPOSITS FOR LOAN PURPOSES:					
Government deposits	37,987,102		113,389,549		
Deposits and funds borrowed from Bank of Israel and banking institutions (Note 9)	<u>276,689,396</u>		<u>265,596,563</u>		196,606,470
Other deposits	<u>152,649,402</u>		<u>378,886,312</u>		<u>468,982,338</u>
		467,325,900	<u>6,603,269</u>		665,588,808
OTHER ACCOUNTS (Note 6)		20,987,848	<u>8,660,694</u>		18,930,576
LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMERS (see contra):					
Documentary credits	6,843,736		9,038,218		6,843,736
Guarantees and other liabilities	<u>64,164,128</u>		<u>39,844,085</u>		<u>64,164,128</u>
		71,007,864	<u>48,882,303</u>		71,007,864
		<u>1,343,658,599</u>	<u>778,781,195</u>		<u>1,343,658,599</u>

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**S. Wm. Sax**  
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**Directors:**  
**U. Cohen**  
**Member of the Board and**  
**Managing Director**

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1975

31.12.74	IL	IL	31.12.74	IL	IL	IL
		Authorized	Issued and paid-up			
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES:</b>						
Share Capital (Note 8):						
"A" Ordinary Shares, IL1— each	11,000,000	12,000,000	11,000,000	276,026,012		443,214,867
"B" Ordinary Shares, IL1— each	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000			
"C" Ordinary Shares, IL1— each	—	4,000,000	3,824,615	177,444		215,304
12,000,000		17,000,000	15,384,615			
83,164			4,288,713	17,652,564		
Share premium account (Note 8)				31,982,910		
General Reserve and unappropriated profit				6,332,080		
4,439,996				55,967,554		
16,523,160			26,210,940			
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>						
Demand deposits	69,497,139	126,209,941				113,804,501
Time and saving deposits	317,695,672	537,248,703		3,179,014		8,415,120
Deposits and loans from banking institutions	48,252,288	80,577,262				
435,445,099			754,035,906			
<b>DEPOSITS FOR LOAN PURPOSES:</b>						
Government deposits	21,199,227	37,987,102		111,073,614		
Deposits and funds borrowed from Bank of Israel and banking institutions (Note 9)	115,028,100	276,689,396		265,596,663		
Other deposits	129,485,363	152,312,628		376,670,277		
265,712,695			486,989,126	6,580,446		650,833,187
<b>OTHER ACCOUNTS (Note 6)</b>	9,576,979		19,998,085	8,657,186		19,490,829
<b>LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMERS (see contra):</b>						21,360,260
Documentary credits	9,038,218	6,843,736		9,038,218		
Guarantees and other liabilities	39,844,085	64,164,128		39,844,085		
48,882,303			71,007,864	48,882,303		
<b>CASH AND BALANCES WITH BANK OF ISRAEL AND BANKING INSTITUTIONS (Note 3)</b>						
<b>TREASURY NOTES</b>						
<b>SECURITIES (Note 4):</b>						
Government of Israel obligations					49,168,229	
Other debentures					57,578,835	
Shares					6,557,437	
<b>LOANS TO AND DEPOSITS WITH GOVERNMENT</b>						
<b>LOANS AND BILLS DISCOUNTED (Note 5):</b>						
Less provision for doubtful debts:						
Loans and bills discounted					192,187,603	
Loans in connection with deposits for loan purposes					468,645,564	
<b>OTHER ACCOUNTS (Note 6)</b>						
<b>BANK PREMISES, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PROPERTY (Note 7)</b>						
<b>CUSTOMERS' LIABILITIES (see contra):</b>						
For documentary credits					6,843,736	
For guarantees and other liabilities					64,164,128	
						71,007,864
<b>TOTAL</b>	776,140,236	1,338,241,921		776,140,236		1,338,241,921

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We state that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and that our opinion on the Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss is given according to the best of our information and the material received by us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

presented by us as shown by the notes to the Bank's Consolidated Financial Statements. The Balance Sheet of the Bank and its Finance Subsidiary Company at 31st December, 1975, and the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss for the year then ended Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards including those prescribed under the Auditors Regulations (Auditor's Mode of Performance) 1973 and accordingly we have applied such auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the Consolidated Financial Statements present fairly in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles the financial position of the Bank and its Finance Subsidiary Company which

8th February, 1976

**Haft & Haft**  
**Certified Public Accountants (Inc.)**

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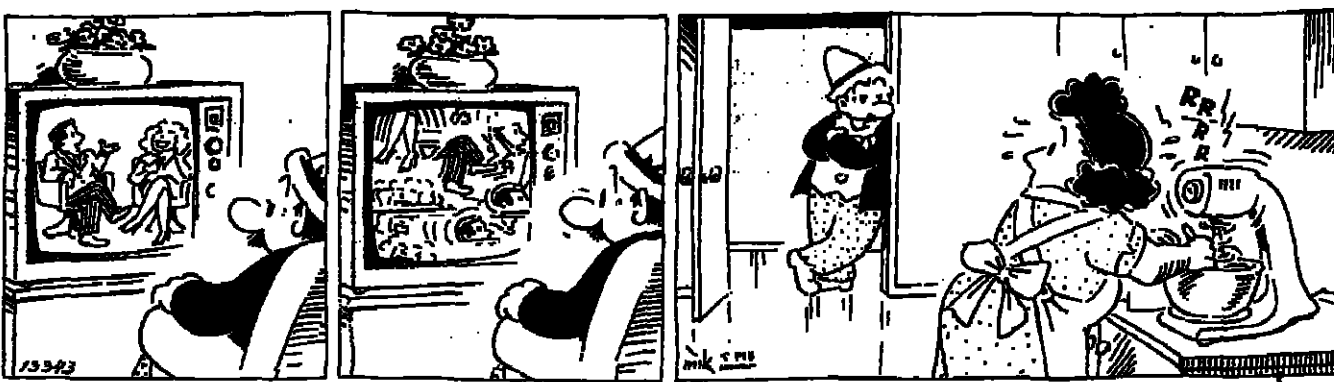
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10.45 Music and reading selections for Purim  
11.15 Mozart: "Musical Joke"; Wiedwald: Fantasy on "Faust"; 12.05 Eddie Halperin presents "Spring March" by Viennese composer Robert Schumacher.  
12.05 Grundman: March for Martians; Don Gills: Symphony No. 5; "Hoffman Festival"; Hall: Dance 15.05 Purim customs of different cultures — participants from Poland, Hebrew, Italian, Yemen, Morocco.

17.10 Chamber music — request programme presented by listeners 18.07 Economics and business 18.30 Bible Reading: Amos 5, 6 20.30 Jerusalem 8 p.m. phony Orchestra, Sidney Harth conducting. Shoshana Rudnikoff, piano; Mira Zakai, Alto. — Berlioz: "Romeo and Juliet"; Dramatic Symphony; Steinberg: Three Elizabethan Love Songs; Weber: "Konsertstueck"; Prokofiev: "Romeo and Juliet"; Ballet Suite No. 1 and 2 (until 23.00) 23.00 Radio story — "The Pope's Mother" based on the story by Alphonse Daudet.

23.25 Party music from the Renaissance  
**Second Programme**  
14.10 Popular songs 15.05 Israeli hit songs (until 18.00) 16.05 Songs about Purim 21.05 Purim Party — songs, comedy skits, dance records (until 3 a.m.)

**Army Radio**  
12.05 "Purim of the Past" — stories of Purim carnivals in Little Tel Aviv during the 1920's  
13.05 Purim programme — Jewish children's songs 14.05 Purim masks — Uri Epstein, Dr. Aliza Shenhar, Prof. Shlomo Dahan, Dr. Zvi Jagendorf discuss masks, in the theatre and art of different cultures 15.05 Purim songs (until 17.00) 16.05 Radio stage — Oscar Wilde's "Ghost of Canterville Castle" 21.05 Dialect song — records by request 22.05 The army radio technicians reveal humorous aspects of their work — Selections from programmes that were never broadcast: satire on the news and the communications media in Israel 00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

**REGULAR DAILY BROADCASTS**  
**First Programme**  
16.15-18.15: 11.15-11.30 Programmes for Schools  
13.55 Music programme announcements  
14.10 Stories for children  
15.05 Notes on agriculture  
20.05 A moment for Hebrew grammar  
00.10 A moment of poetry.  
**Second Programme**  
6.00 Prayer and Mishna reading  
6.10 Gymnastics  
6.55 Programme announcements  
6.55 A moment for Hebrew grammar  
7.35 Popular tunes (until 10.00)  
7.55 Driving tips  
10.05 Here at Home — songs, interviews on topics assumed to be of interest to women  
12.05 Productive Face — for workers and employers  
12.30 Hebrew songs and comedy skits  
15.05 On Jews and Judaism  
18.45 Today's sports  
21.05 A point of Hebrew Grammar.

**Army Radio**  
6.00 Religious music (until 6.55)  
6.55 Prayer  
6.55 Gymnastics  
7.05 Songs and messages from soldiers (until 10.00)  
10.05 Popular music (until 12.00)  
10.55 Bedtime story.

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**NEWS COMMENTARY**  
Second Programme: Following the news at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Army Radio: Following the 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. news and at 11.40 p.m. First Programme: After the 7 p.m. news.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE SELECTIONS**  
English  
7.00 (Third, Fourth) 15 minutes, including review of Hebrew press 14.00 (Third, Fourth) 30 min.  
18.00 (Fourth) 5 min.  
20.00 (Fourth) 15 min.  
22.00 (Third) 15 min.  
23.00 (Third) 30 min.  
French  
7.15 (Third, Fourth) 15 min., including review of Hebrew press 14.30 (Third, Fourth) 30 min.  
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.  
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.  
22.30 (Third) 30 min.  
24.00 (Third) 30 min.  
Yiddish  
7.15 (Third, Fourth) 15 min.  
14.30 (Third, Fourth) 15 min.  
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.  
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.  
22.30 (Third) 30 min.  
Russian  
7.15 (Third, Fourth) 15 min.  
14.30 (Third, Fourth) 15 min.  
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.  
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.  
22.30 (Third) 30 min.  
German  
7.15 (Third, Fourth) 15 min.  
14.30 (Third, Fourth) 15 min.  
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.  
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.  
22.30 (Third) 30 min.

**DIAL LOCATIONS**  
AM in kilohertz  
FM in Megahertz  
1st Programme 2nd Programme  
Central Israel AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
Jerusalem AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
Haifa AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
Tel Aviv AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
Be'er Sheva AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
Ramat Gan AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
Ashdod AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
Tel Sheva AM: 975 955  
FM: 91.3 91.5  
3rd Programme — short wave and FM  
82.5 MHz  
86.1 Programme — 757 kHz; Jerusalem  
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# Asia's cut-throat air fare battle

By BRIAN EADS

BANGKOK. While the Anglo-French supersonic airliner Concorde has been making the headlines with its fight to secure lucrative landing rights in the U.S., another air battle has been raging half-way around the world in Thailand.

Bangkok has long been known as the bargain basement of airline ticket sales. Until the end of January the enterprising traveler could take a bus to the city's Don Mueang airport and pick up a ticket for the 3 hour 30 minute flight to Hong Kong for about \$40. This was the rock-bottom price, but even the standard open market price of \$70 fell well short of the \$160 recommended by IATA. Needless to say, Asian foreign airlines are not IATA members.

Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, Korean Airlines and Thai International have preferred the rough and tumble of the open market. And despite their costly campaigns boasting the most seductive hostesses, free in-flight dining and entertainment, and vigorous price cutting, all have been going very nicely. For it has been a battle for Asia's new generation of airline travellers, and with airlines growing at 25 per cent a year compared with the one per cent growth rate registered by the

developed world's flag carriers, there have been ripe pickings for all.

Perhaps the biggest money-spender of the lot has been the route from Bangkok to Hong Kong to Tokyo, flown by hundreds of thousands of businessmen and tourists. But in June last year, after representations from British Airways and its Hong Kong-based subsidiary, Cathay Pacific, the British Government stepped in.

RA complained that the two Thai carriers, the state-run Thai International and privately-owned Air Siam, were undercutting prices, pirating passengers and posing a serious threat to British interests. Between them, the two were reckoned to be earning \$24m. a year from their use of the so-called fifth freedom right in Hong Kong. This allowed them not only to fly in passengers, but pick them up again after a break in the flight and take them on to other destinations.

After two rounds of fruitless talks between Thai and British officials, and an unpublished visit to London last December by Thai Foreign Minister Major-General Chatchaval Choonhavan, the consequences became apparent. From January 1, neither Thai Inter nor Air Siam would be allowed to break flights, or pick up new pas-

sengers in Hong Kong; their fifth freedom rights were withdrawn.

Ironically, it seems that the British restriction on Thai flights into Hong Kong, which initially posed a life or death threat to Air Siam, who claim to have lost \$5m. over the first month it was enforced, could prove to have been a pouring of oil on the troubled waters of Thailand's airline industry.

From February 1, the minimum lawful price for a one-way ticket from Bangkok to Hong Kong became \$120. The Thai Government says that airlines operating below this fare will, if they persist, face the total cancellation of all their rights to use Don Mueang airport. It remains to be seen how efficiently the directive will be policed, but no doubt the airlines themselves will be the first to report any law-breaking competitors.

The move is seen as a goodwill gesture towards the British Government prior to further talks. It is expected that increased fares will, of themselves, cut down capacity on the Bangkok-Hong Kong-Tokyo route, and could also prove the salvation of Air Siam. Moreover, it could mean that Thailand's airlines finally move towards a resolution of their differences and a rationalization of their operations. The only loser seems, as ever, to be the passenger. (GERMANY)

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

### Speculators dump \$

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Natsad dollar and the black market dollar on Lillienblum fell yesterday as speculators who had been banking on a large devaluation than the now routine two per cent, cut their losses.

The Natsad dollar fell 12 points to stand at IL9.09. There was an offer of \$957,000 and some \$283,000 were traded.

On Lillienblum, where the dollar on Sunday had stood at IL10.50, dealers price, it dropped yesterday to IL10.20-IL10.50 dealers price. There were no buyers, only sellers, and they were offering IL10.20 for cash and IL9.50 for cheques.

Index-linked bonds, which had been up for the past few days dropped by about five to seven points. Development bonds with a redemption period of less than a

year and optionals with a one to three year redemption period dropped only two to three points. There was a strong demand (IL4.25m.) for those bonds in the 3,000 series with a 10-year redemption period. They rose about 1.5 per cent.

The turnover in bonds came to IL18,186,000. Stocks remained strong. The turnover came to IL2,377m. of which IL804,000 was in the variables. The index of share prices rose by 0.51 per cent to reach 153.12.

Bank Hapoalim up one to 287 (30,000); Carmel up two to 142 (8,000); Tefahot up 1.5 to 214.5 (37,000); Delek up 2.5 to 171.5 (18,000); Neot Aviv up 2.5 to 181.5 (20,000); Raseco up two to 70.5 (24,000); Paper Mills up 4.5 to 329.5 (15,000) and Bank Leumi Investment up 2.5 to 199.5 (29,000).

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<b>DOLLAR-LINKED DEBITURES</b>		
Dead Sea Junior	387	384
Dead Sea	305.5	311
Electric Corp. B	312	311
<b>C. of L. LINKED (principal and interest)</b>		
Absorp. 1956 (1)	489	484
Absorp. 1956 (2)	484	484
Bit. 1958 (41)	255	259
Bit. 1959 (41)	158.5	200
Bit. 1959 5.5% (98)	255	255
Bit. 1959 5.5% (98)	245.5	245
Dev. 4% (3001)	156.9	194.5
<b>OPTIONALS</b>		
Dev. 1950	251.5	255
Dev. 1951	251	251.5
Dev. 1952	250.5	252.5
<b>FINANCIALS IN DOLLARS</b>		
Solidus	151	151
<b>CONVERTIBLES</b>		
IDE	108	108
Leumi (5)	102.5	102.5
Mitral (3)	114	114
Tefahot (38)	125	125
Delek	126	128
Disc. Inv. (72)	94	92
10% Tefahot (102)	99	99
<b>COMMERCIAL BANKS &amp; BANKHOLDING COMPANIES</b>		
Bank Hapoalim	193	191
Bank Leumi	142	142
L.D.B. pref.	225	225
Bank Hapoalim	225	225
Bank Leumi	225	225
Bank Hapoalim	225	225
Bank Leumi	225	225
<b>MORTGAGE BANKS</b>		
Gen. Mortgage	214	208
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	142	142
Dev. & Mortg.	135	135
Housing Mortg.	122	121
Tefahot 5% pref.	215	215
Tefahot	214.5	215
<b>SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS &amp; INSURANCE</b>		
Ind. & Dev. 3% pref.	82.5	82
Arveh	275	275
Assurance Insurance	275	275
Sahar - C	285	285
<b>COMMERCIAL SERVICES &amp; UTILITIES</b>		
Motor House	76	76
Delek C	185	185
Cold Storage - IL10	136	136.5

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Monday, March 15, 1976

### French move causes selling

Dow Jones 974.10 down 3.54, volume 16,270,000.

Brokers attribute selling in part to international monetary uncertainty following France's withdrawal from the European joint float system which analysts say

amounts to a *de facto* devaluation. (See page 4)

A report from Europe says the French move is seen widely as a severe setback to Common Market hopes for European economic and monetary union.

The selected list of stocks is based on the quotations at 3 p.m. New York time.

Allied Chemical	40 1/4	Union Carbide	75
Aluminum Co.	48 1/4	United Technology	57 1/4
American Brands	40 1/4	U.S. Steel	82 1/4
American Can	35	Westinghouse Elec.	16 1/4
American Tel. and Tel.	55 1/4	Woolworth	24 1/4
Anacosta	21 1/4	Avon Prod.	26 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	43 1/4	Boeing	27 1/4
Chrysler	18 1/4	Boise Cascade	32 1/4
Dupont	145 1/4	Citicorp	29 1/4
Eastman Kodak	108 1/4	Control Data	23 1/4
Emark Inc.	35 1/4	Disney	8 1/4
Exxon	87 1/4	Dome Mines	43 1/4
General Electric	50 1/4	Fairchild Camera	40 1/4
General Foods	28 1/4	General Dynamics	45 1/4
General Motors	67 1/4	IBM	258 1/4
Goodyear	21 1/4	Int. Tel. Tel.	27 1/4
Inter. Harvester	26 1/4	LTV Corp.	14 1/4
Inter. Nickel	32 1/4	McDonalds	49 1/4
Inter. Paper	75 1/4	Natl. Semiconductor	49 1/4
Johns Manville	29 1/4	NCR Corp.	52 1/4
Owens-Illinois	32 1/4	Polaroid	39 1/4
Proctor and Gamble	73 1/4	Rockwell	27 1/4
Sears Roebuck	30 1/4	Spartan Rand	45 1/4
Standard Oil of Calif.	25	Syntex	30 1/4
Texasco	25	Xerox	60 1/4

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ADIF 132.81	129.56	—
ALMOG 116.04x	113.19x	—

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## EEC judge rules for women's lib

LUXEMBOURG. — The advocate-general of the European Court of Justice said in a nonbinding opinion this week that women in Common Market countries should get the same pay as men for the same work.

The opinion by Alberto Trabucchi is expected to exert strong influence on the court's decision in the case of a former stewardess seeking the same pension paid to men by Sabena, Belgium's state-run airline. At stake in the decision, which is expected next month, are billions of dollars in back pay allegedly owed West European women under the treaty that set up the Common Market.

Trabucchi's opinion said that under the treaty, women in the six original Common Market nations — France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg — should have been getting equal pay with men for the same work since January 1, 1962. The treaty became applicable in Britain, Ireland and Denmark when they joined the Common Market in 1973.

Article 119 of the treaty says: "Each member state shall during the first stage and subsequently maintain the application of the principle that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work."

## Florists form new association

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Association of Florists was formed here last night. About 300 shopowners participated.

At a press conference earlier, Yeha Periman of the Katz flower shop said the organization would protect the public, since it would have an address to turn to for any complaints. Members of the organization will carry on their windows a time decal of a hand holding a flower.

The organization will accept only professional florists. Others will have to pass a course to be accepted. Participating in the ceremony for the new organization were Jean Donzier, president of the French Florists Association and president of the European Florists Association, and Hildegard Fug, the general manager of Europe Interiors.

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## Pantyhose troubles EEC more than sterling drop

By CARL TARMAN  
BRUSSELS. — Turmoil in European currency markets and the drop in the price of Italian pantyhose are making economic trouble for the Common Market.

The spectacular fall of the British pound affects West European unity less than the drop of the French franc, which — unlike the pound or the Italian lira — belongs to the agreement called the "snake." This is an arrangement by West Germany, France, Holland and the three major Scandinavian countries to support the value of one another's currencies.

The aim of the agreement is to keep the value of the currencies as close together as possible. At some distant date they could be consolidated into a single European currency that would rival the U.S.

Though the Common Market countries disagree on the value of their currencies, they have made it basic to their organization that trade among them shall be free — that there should be no tariffs at their borders with one another. This has been the rule since 1968,

though there are still many barriers to trade that look pretty much like tariffs to anyone but a Common Market expert.

On Friday the French ministries of industry and of economic affairs sent a party of officials to Common Market headquarters in Brussels. Because of the fall in the value of the lira, they explained, Italian shoes and pantyhose have become so cheap in France that measures must be taken to protect French manufacturers.

The effect of such measures would be to impose a charge — in

effect, a kind of tariff — on the Italian products entering France. It could be a first step toward further measures of the same kind. The European Commission — the Common Market executive — will be reluctant to give its approval, but the French run their economy to please themselves.

The European Court of Justice is expected to rule next week on whether they were justified in putting a charge on imports of Italian wine, in a vain attempt to appease farmers in southern France. Many businessmen would agree that the French have a right to protect their industry. But Europeans who want to maintain free trade in the Common Market as a step toward unity — and consumers who want to take advantage of the low prices — are worried about the situation. (AP)

## MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

### LIST OF MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES FOR GROCERIES

MARCH 1976

	IL		IL
<b>BREAD</b>		<b>NIH. CHILL, GILI (Strauss)</b>	
Dark bread, standard	750 gm. 1.05	three circles in a 180 gm. box	4.30
White bread	750 gm. 1.20		
White bread	250 gm. .75	<b>Ta'am Americal (Mata) (Kfir)</b>	
Kimmel bread	500 gm. 1.25	250 gm. package	6.40
Halla, round or braided	500 gm. 1.25	six triangles in a 240 gm. box	4.65
Roll	60 gm. .27	six triangles in a 240 gm. box	4.40
Dark bread, sliced	750 gm. bag 1.80	three triangles in a 120 gm. box	2.55
White bread, sliced	500 gm. bag 1.85		
<b>EGGS</b>		<b>MARGARINE</b>	
Size 1	65 gm. or more .56	Margarine, with or without salt	200 gm. packet 1.25
Size 2	60-65 gm. .52	Margarine, with or without salt	250 gm. cup 1.85
Size 3	55-60 gm. .48	Margarine, low calorie	250 gm. cup 1.45
Size 4	50-55 gm. .43	Margarine for baking	200 gm. packet 1.25
Size 5	45-50 gm. .36	Margarine with milk	200 gm. packet 1.60
		Margarine with milk	250 gm. cup 2.05
<b>MILK AND MILK DRINKS</b>		<b>OIL</b>	
Pasteurized milk or low-fat pasteurized milk (1%)	500 ml. bag 1.05	Refined soya oil	580 gm. glass bottle (65 cl.) 3.15
Pasteurized milk	1 litre bag 1.95	Refined soya oil	920 gm. plastic bottle (1 lit.) 5.90
Sterilized milk	585 ml. bottle 1.70		
Low fat (1%)	585 ml. bottle 1.65	<b>MATCHES</b>	
Sterilized milk	910 ml. bottle 2.50	Matches	twelve-box package 1.95
"Rivion"	500 ml. pack 2.05	Matches	box .17
"Rivion"	1 litre carton 3.75	<b>HUMUS, TEHINA</b>	
Pasteurized Choco	200 ml. bottle .95	Prepared tehina	100 gm. can 1.75
Sterilized Choco	200 ml. bottle .95	Instant tehina	100 gm. can 2.40
		Prepared humus	310 gm. can 3.60
<b>SOUR MILK PRODUCTS</b>		Prepared humus	420 gm. can 4.40
Eshel (Tnuva), Idit (Tara), Leshed (United Dairies)	170 ml. cup .75		
Leben (3% fat), Gil (Tnuva), Oz (Tara), Ya'el (United Dairies)	170 ml. cup .60	<b>FLOUR, SUGAR, RICE, SALT</b>	
Leben (1% fat), Bas (Tnuva)	170 ml. cup .60	Semolina	1 kg. 2.90
Yogurt (Tnuva, Tara, United Dairies)	170 ml. cup 1.00	Plain white flour	1 kg. 2.70
Fruit-flavored yogurt: Frigut (Tnuva), Pri-Halav (United Dairies)	170 ml. cup 1.30	White sugar	1 kg. 5.50
		Rice	1 kg. 4.90
<b>CREAM</b>		Regular table salt in bags	1 kg. .75
Sour cream	170 ml. cup 1.25	Edible Salt (coarse) in bags	1 kg. .70
Pasteurized whipping cream	230 ml. bag 5.00		
Sterilized coffee cream	200 ml. bottle 1.70	<b>NOODLES AND DOUGH PRODUCTS</b>	
<b>BUTTER</b>		Macaroni, spaghetti (Osem), Muvhar	500 gm. package 3.55
Butter	100 gm. package 2.50	Noodles, ptitim (Osem)	400 gm. package 2.35
Salted butter	200 gm. package 4.75	Spaghetti, Macaroni, ptitim, baked Muvhar	250 gm. package or box 2.25
<b>SOFT WHITE CHEESE</b>		Noodles, ptitim Muvhar unbaked (Osem)	250 gm. package 2.00
Lean white cheese	250 gm. package 1.55	Ptitim, backed, Macaroni, Muvhar (Osem)	500 gm. package 4.05
Tara, United Dairies			
Lean white cheese for cutting Osa'an (Tnuva)	250 gm. package 2.00	<b>BISCUITS</b>	
Lean white cheese for cutting Osa'an (Tnuva), Tivon (Tara), Kfar (U.D.)	500 gm. package 3.80	Marie (Hadar)	250 gm. package 3.25
Fat cheese for cutting: Tuv Taam (Tara), Shufra (U.D.)	250 gm. package 2.45	Crackers (Hadar)	250 gm. package 3.35
Lean spreading cheese (Tnuva)	250 gm. cup 1.60	Marie, Cream Crackers, Biscuits (Froumine)	227 gm. package 3.70
White cheese, half fat (5%) (Tara, U.D.)	250 gm. package 1.75	Marie, Cream Crackers (Osem)	227 gm. package 3.45
Fat white cheese for spreading 9% (Tnuva)	250 gm. cup 1.75	Petit Beurre (Osem)	175 gm. package 2.55
Savoyon half-fat cheese (Tnuva) square box	125 gm. 1.05	Petit Beurre (Osem)	260 gm. package 3.45
Lean spreading cheese, Ga'aton (Strauss)	125 gm. cup 1.40	<b>BEVERAGES</b>	
Fat spreading cheese, Ga'aton, 9% fat (Strauss)	125 gm. cup 1.60	Beer, regular	48 cl. bottle 1.35
Cottage cheese, 9% fat (Tnuva)	225 gm. cup 2.00	Malt beer	48 cl. bottle 1.05
Salted cheese, Ein Hemed (Tnuva)	250 gm. package 4.00	Carbonated beverage	1 lit. bottle 3.40
<b>HARD CHEESE</b>		Coca-Cola	1 lit. bottle 2.75



## Sadat woos the West

ANWAR SADAT's demonstrative abrogation of Egypt's Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation with the Soviet Union is more an exercise in public relations than a fresh departure in politics.

The Soviet-Egyptian Treaty of May, 1971, was the payment exacted by the Kremlin from Sadat as proof that his crack-down on the leftist opposition, headed by Ali Sabry, did not indicate a wholesale abandonment of the Nasser legacy, and therefore did not require the withdrawal of Soviet support. While it lasted, the Treaty gave formal expression to a situation in which the Soviets, as Sadat complained on Sunday night, could claim the right to determine, from Moscow, in what manner and to what purpose their military aid and economic assistance would be administered — in other words, to decide Egypt's destiny.

But the Treaty did not, in effect, last very long, for its practical operation was suspended in July, 1972, when Sadat expelled over 15,000 Soviet "advisers" from Egypt. What prompted that move has not been a secret, at least since the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War: Sadat had decided that Egypt's destiny was to fight Israel, and the meddlesome Soviet presence was only an impediment to war preparations.

The Egyptian President can now justifiably argue that the Treaty has in any case been repeatedly breached by the Soviets since the war. From Sadat's viewpoint, there has surely been little friendship and less cooperation in the Kremlin's reluctance to supply Egypt with new weapons or spare parts, and to reschedule Egypt's enormous debt to the Soviet Union. Egypt's dire economic condition — described by Sadat as at point zero, exactly where it was in early October, 1973 — is apparently of no concern to the Soviets.

The abrogation of the Treaty, now dutifully endorsed by the Egyptian National Assembly, thus puts the seal of finality on an existing situation again. But its dramatic announcement at this time serves as a signal to the U.S., and to the entire West, that Egypt's rift with the Soviets is, for the time being, firmly genuine. And it is an unmistakable invitation to the West, but especially to the U.S., to make good without delay the implicit promise of compensation to Egypt for her action in concluding the Sinai agreement under American auspices, last September. After all, it was that action, more than anything else, which set the Soviet Union and its Arab minions against Egypt.

That the signing of the accord would help drive a wedge between Egypt and Syria had been safely predicted by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who foresaw in it a clear-cut gain for Israel. He may not have fully foreseen the ferocity, and the ingenuity, of the Syrian response to Egypt's challenge, as shown in the most recent events in Lebanon. But there can be little doubt that, were it not for the Sinai agreement, Israel would now be facing a united Arab front stretching from the south to the north.

Yet it is a dangerous misconception to assume that Sadat's turnabout inevitably spells a commitment to the pursuit of peace. He might one day try again the deception he practised on Israel three years ago, Sadat told the National Assembly, and his words should be taken at face value.

The U.S. would be making a fatal error, therefore, if it were to conclude from Sadat's speech that American strategic interests in the Middle East — notably the avoidance of war and the furtherance of peace — would best be served by pumping Egypt full of arms and ammunition. As long as Egypt considers itself to be at war with Israel, its rearmament by the U.S., and the rest of the West, would not help cultivate moderation, as is sometimes believed, but only hasten the outbreak of a fresh round of hostilities.

## READERS' LETTERS

### A DOCTOR'S VIEWS ON ABORTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The emotional reaction of "Future Mother" (March 1) to the Open Letter published by the Central Committee of the Israel Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology did not surprise me. The issues of human life, however, transcend the emotional ideas of "male chauvinism" and "female liberation." Our traditional Jewish reverence for life is not the personal property of doctors alone and must lead all of us to approach such issues with care and circumspection. Even the question of abortions in Israel can be discussed objectively and without panic or insults.

The fact that "Future mother" had two "successful" abortions is certainly a testimony to her personal good fortune. However, her small series of two experiences does not provide a basis upon which to judge what is good for all women. If she does not wish to use modern methods of contraception, that is her business, but again it is an insufficient basis upon which to give general advice to the public as a whole. The core of the problem is to prevent unwanted pregnancies so that no need will arise to destroy them.

"Future Mother" does not agree that husbands should consent to the interruption of their wives' pregnancies. She believes, and I fully agree with her view, that a wife is not her husband's property. I honestly believe that a wife is an equal partner of her husband, in a lawful partnership. I don't feel, therefore, that the husband has no rights on that common property, pregnancy, temporarily in custody of his partner. It is an overwhelmingly biological situation with legal implications. If the law were to admit that the father has no rights on his wife's pregnancy, why should he pay for the upkeep of a child that his wife decides to carry to term? It is an intricate legal problem and I don't feel that our legislators have carefully considered the manifold legal implications of the new bill.

You notice, Sir, that I carefully refrain from taking up the charge that vulgar economic interests are at the root of the gynaecologists' rejection of the abortion law in its present form. Had I done so, I would have been unworthy of the many distinguished members of our Society, who sat on its Central Committee. PROFESSOR E. TOAFF, President The Israel Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Tel Aviv.

### PERSONA NON GRATA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — How very kindly you have dealt with Lord Ballantrae (February 28) who, as chairman of the British Council, had come to Israel to represent and foster British culture.

As Assistant Inspector General of Police (1947-7), it was Lord Ballantrae (then Bernard Fergusson) who initiated and organized squads to fight the Jewish "illegal" movements (all three of them) with terrorist methods. Two of such squads are known: one headed by O'Reilly, the other by Roy Farran (whose squad kidnapped and murdered the 16-year-old Lehi boy Alexander Rubowitz). These squads received a *carte blanche* to use the methods they pleased, as Mr. Farran himself admits in his autobiography. Farran's bitterness against British tolerance of the Hagana, his utter reluctance to release Hagana detainees taken by his squad and his views about Israel ("the new Jewish state was being constructed on neo-Fascist lines"), all very explicit in his book, show clearly that these Britishers hated the very idea of our national existence.

Now Mr. Fergusson is a welcome visitor to our country, cordially received by some of our leaders. There can be no doubt, however, of the fact that he had acted here as an oppressor and that he had played it dirty beyond the call of duty. If he is not considered a war criminal in Israel, the least would be to regard him as *persona non grata*.

AMIE EUREWITZ  
Tel Aviv, February 28.

### BIBLICAL ZOO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo is initiating an expanded educational and research programme for primary and secondary schoolchildren, and has begun to build up a library (in Hebrew and English) on biology, zoology and all other scientific and medical aspects of animal wild life.

If any of your readers has publications of this kind for which they have no further use, we would greatly appreciate receiving them for the benefit of the many young students covered by the programme. The new lecture hall and laboratory now being complete will have a special library section.

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JULIAN MELTZER  
Chairman, Friends of the Biblical Zoo  
Jerusalem.

### PAYMENTS DEFICIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In his programme for the advancement of our economy towards independence as expressed recently in rather general terms, Professor Arens proposes to reduce the deficit in our balance of payments by \$3 billion through increasing exports by \$1.5 billion and replacing imports by locally manufactured goods to the tune of \$1.5 billion. Unfortunately, this formula repeats a very common error.

All our production, be it for export or for own consumption, contains a large element of imported components, and if the average added value amounts to, say 50 per cent, then for every dollar earned or saved, we first must spend 50 cents. In other words, to cut the deficit in the balance of payments by \$3 billion, we must export and replace imports to the tune of something like \$6 billion — which makes the task so much harder.

ALFRED MARKUS  
Tel Aviv, February 21.

## VIEWPOINT

IN ASSESSING the probable fortunes of the Barkai Report, whose main feature is a recommendation for the unprecedented levelling down of the salaries of close to one third of the Civil Service employees, it is instructive to compare it with last year's Ben-Shahar Report on income tax reforms.

One obvious similarity between the two committees is that neither came out with any revolutionary proposals that had not been considered earlier. In the case of the Ben-Shahar Committee, the idea of doing away with the mountains of income tax aberrations, while lowering the marginal tax rate, had been considered for quite some time in Government, labour, business and academic circles. Similarly, the possibility of revoking the invidious special pay increment of part of the Civil Service had also been wistfully considered for some time: Why the committees then?

One answer, of course, involves the time-honoured reason for appointing a committee: to gain time — time during which the parties involved grant the Government sorely needed respite from nagging pressures.

The second reason is, in a way, an admission of the Government's moral bankruptcy: the assumption that the affected groups will accept an unpalatable proposal from a committee with the proper professional and professional cachet which they would never consider coming from the Government itself. In the case of the Ben-Shahar Committee the play seems to have worked — partly — while the reaction of the affected

The fact that the recommendations of the Barkai Committee make sense is not enough to persuade the civil servants to accept them, writes Yosef Goell, and puts forward a novel (for Israel) suggestion.

## MAKING THE PILL MORE PALATABLE

workers to the Barkai Report is hostile to the extreme, its professional progenitors notwithstanding.

THE TRICK, it would seem, lies not so much in the nature of the recommendations, as in the inclusion of features that make the pill more palatable. In this respect the Ben-Shahar Report was ingenious — up to a point — while the Barkai Report stands out for its bluntness.

Income tax reform was sold to the vast majority of salary earners by creating the illusion that nearly everyone would gain from the new tax rates. This, of course, was true only if one treated the compulsory loans, whose abolition the committee recommended, as if they had been non-returnable tax deductions. The illusion was successfully pulled off because the vast majority of the public actually, if erroneously, viewed the loan deductions simply as part of their tax burden.

THE SMALL MINORITY of salaried taxpayers that stood to lose from the reforms were assuaged by promises that their net pay, after taxes, would not be affected — not immediately, in any case. It is this rider that is now being put to the test in the case of the El Al crews and other such groups whose salaries are slated to be subject to the full tax — regardless of considerations of net pay — beginning next month.

The self-employed and the vast majority of higher income taxpayers were wooed with lower marginal tax rates. But this part of the Ben-Shahar reform package has apparently had only a minimal effect on bringing back tax-dodgers to tax-paying respectability. The resignation of Income Tax Commissioner Yitzhak Mann seems to have finally convinced this part of the public that there will not be much bite behind the Treasury's bark.

The Barkai Committee, in com-

parison, adopted a strategy of bluntness rather than veiled elegance. The argument adduced for the proposal to reduce salary levels that have been in force for several years is a double one: that they were unjustly granted in response to pressures; and, that there is simply no money to permit the extension of the same salary criteria to the other parts of the Civil Service waiting for an equalization of their pay.

Even in the Israel of 1976, however, these arguments, solid as they may be, fail to persuade those who stand to lose hard cash. The problem thus boils down to this: how is the Government to persuade such workers that it is really going to implement the committee's recommendations, and that it has no intention, in 1976, of capitulating to pressure as it did in 1969-74.

In the post Yom Kippur War period, in which the concept of ministerial responsibility gained currency, one reasonable answer would be that the resignation of the Finance Minister responsible for yielding to the pressure in those years might prove a convincing argument that the Government is really serious this time. Mr. Sapir is no longer with us to pay the price for the weakness of those years.

Perhaps, then, we should consider the resignation of several select members of the Ministerial Wages Committee who were as glibly as Mr. Sapir, and who are still among the living. This may be the only argument capable of convincing the civil servants and, indeed, the entire country, that the Government of 1976 means business.

## POSTSCRIPTS

### BLEAK DATE

YESTERDAY'S introduction of price rises (or reduction in subsidies, depending on whether you are a positive or negative thinker) could scarcely have been made on a more suitable date. If it was consciously planned, we do not know.

Religiously-minded Israelis immediately thought of the date as the Fast of Esther. To the classically educated, the Idea of March naturally came to mind.

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A THREE-DAY yoga kumbh (the organizers call it a "retreat") is to be held at Caesarea next week-end, during the five-day visit to Israel of Swami Vishnu Devananda, the expert in Hatha Yoga. The cost of the retreat is IL190 per person, which will cover vegetarian meals, yoga exercises, "mantra initiation," lectures and meditation. Participants are asked to bring blankets (on which to do their head-stands and other asanas) and musical instruments.

In the old days, before the advent here of yoga and transcendental meditation and Israelis went in for hikes around the country, the Histradrut posters advertising excursions used to ask participants to bring a blanket (which was meant for sleeping out in the open), food for three days and a Bible.

Which makes us wonder why local yoga enthusiasts shouldn't adopt Hebrew texts from the Sages as their mantras.

But even the Swami himself has travelled far from his native village in South India. He now conducts teaching courses at Paradise Island in the Bahamas, at Val Morin in Canada and at Grass Valley in California.

A BELGIAN DIPLOMAT working in his country's Paris Embassy has been the victim of a bizarre forgery which seeks to show that the Belgian Government has secret pro-Zionist leanings.

A letter addressed to Francois Debrux, a legal attaché, purporting to come from the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reprimands him for alleged "dangerous statements" about the Palestinian situation. It says that "neither the Government nor any Belgian institution has any interest in creating disadvantages for anyone on the basis of his Zionist convictions."

A copy of the letter was sent to the London "Observer" with a covering



A RECENT REPORT in this newspaper on the new urban group settlement in Jerusalem's Gilo Quarter referred to Moshe Saldi's Habitat, built for the Montreal Expo in 1967, as the first structure of the kind.

Eldar Sharon, one of the

architects responsible for the planning of the Gilo complex, has now written to say that five years before the Expo, in 1962, a modest building was constructed in Ramat Gan by the firm of architects with which he was then associated (Hecker, Neumann and Eldar Sharon).

Dubner House, illustrated here, he points out, "contains the ideas and characteristics of Habitat," and adds: "As King Francois said to the Bishop of Orange in Mme. de Geblain's salon: 'Sorry, I was here first.'"

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note signed by the "Palestine Refusing Front" which said, "We think this document speaks for itself." It added: "We ask you to pass this information on to all those who want to know the truth about the Palestinian people's cause and the aggressive forces backing Zionism."

However, grammatical errors in the letter aroused suspicion — as did the absence of any reference number at the top. There is no doubt that the headed paper with the Ministry's crest is genuine and there is an accurate forgery of Edmond Grandy's signature at the end of the letter.

Police in Brussels and Paris are investigating the incident and the Belgian Ministry of Justice has taken out a warrant against "persons unknown." The authorities are puzzled as to why Debrux should have been selected as the victim: his expertise has little if anything to do with foreign policy-making as such. Nor has he served at any time in the Middle East.

THE WIND blows where it lists, we are told in the Bible, and apparently the waves follow suit. The forces of nature certainly have no truck with politics.

An amateur fisherman angling at the Roman harbour at Caesarea last week picked up a nylon bag attached to a small plastic drift buoy. Inside, he found a self-addressed stamped postcard from the Egyptian Oceanographic and Fisheries Institute in Alexandria, asking the finder to fill in replies to questions on the back (in English and Arabic) and mail it to Alexandria. A reward of 10 Egyptian piastres per card returned is offered. Answers requested are as to where the card was found, by whom, on what date and at which hour. The Caesarea finder, Mr. Eliezer Frublich, duly filled in the details, noting the time of finding as "5.30 p.m. Israeli time," and transmitted the card to the Israel Oceanographic Institute in Haifa, who will send it on to Alexandria via Geneva.

Dr. O. H. Oren of the Institute presumes that the drift float and the card (No. 416) is part of the 100,000 the Egyptians promised to release in the Mediterranean to measure surface drifts, as part of the UN Ecological Programme's pollution research.

All Israeli fishermen are now asked to look out for similar drift floats, fill in the relevant data and send the cards to Haifa. This is probably the first direct cooperation between Israeli and Egyptian scientists and, as one fisherman remarked, "could be a source of foreign currency if enough cards are found."

THE GOLD COAST is no longer in Africa. It has moved to the shores of Lake Geneva where it is now the "in" thing for millionaires to have a holiday home, AP reports.

Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia has just paid 1.8m. dollars for 33,000 sq. metres of land to build a sumptuous villa at Fregny-Chambers which happens to be the only Swiss city where the Communists are the strongest political party. He will have as neighbours Karim Aga Khan, Edmond de Rothschild, the Emir of Qatar (with his collection of falcons), Marcel Dassault, Prince Napoleon, Queen Marie of Italy and dozens of other diamond-spangled names.

If the latest arrival wants to go bohemian, he also has as neighbours in the vicinity Richard Burton, Sophia Loren, Charles Boyer, Charlie Chaplin, Arthur Rubinstein, Georges Simenon and Oskar Kozarska among others.

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### Patchwork economics

YEDJOT ABRONOT (Independent) discusses the Government's new economic measures. The decisions taken by the Cabinet are an attempt merely to patch things up instead of fundamentally amending them, while the Histradrut has a policy of proposing smaller patches than those offered by the Government. But there is no consistent plan or fundamental solution to the problems of the economy behind these proposals.

MA'ARIV (Independent): "For the majority of the public the current rise in prices of basic foods is their first real confrontation with the economic reality in which Israel finds herself. All the previous devaluations have raised the prices of luxury goods and the public has been less affected by the results. The new measures are the first towards normalization of food prices. They will be followed by further measures. Eighty per cent of the population will be able to bear the burden without too much difficulty. But the remaining 20 per cent will be hard hit, and the Government has not done enough to protect them, and offset the effects of the cut in subsidies on those whom they were intended to protect."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam): "The decision to raise the prices of subsidized staples has been inevitable for a long time, but it is unfortunate that the decision was not taken sooner before panic and hoarding became widespread. As it is, the timing was detrimental to the interests of the wage-earners — if the Histradrut and the Government had reached the same

agreement a few weeks ago, the price rises could have been reflected in the cost-of-living allowance to be paid from April." In conclusion, the paper calls for measures to tax the holders of linked speculative capital.

HA'ARETZ (Independent) discussing the strike by civil servants in defence of their "specific allowances," says that the way the Government deals with this issue will prove whether "this group of Ministers have the right to be called a Government." The struggle with the civil servants is liable to become a decisive showdown for the economy and the Government, the paper says, calling on the latter to stand firm in its decision to carry out the recommendations of the Barkai Committee. "Failure to implement them amounts to a virtual invitation to hundreds of thousands of public employees to demand specific allowances for themselves, and it will be even harder to reject such demands than to cancel the allowances of those already receiving it."

In a second editorial MA'ARIV, commenting on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's annulling of the friendship treaty with Soviet Union, says this "dramatic announcement merely confirms a political fact that has been no secret for some time now. Annulment of the friendship pact will strengthen the standing of the U.S. in the region." The paper hopes that Washington will have the strength and the wisdom to take advantage of this new situation not merely to substitute for the USSR as arms supplier,

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